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## Cord exclusive: Adrienne Clarkson speaks

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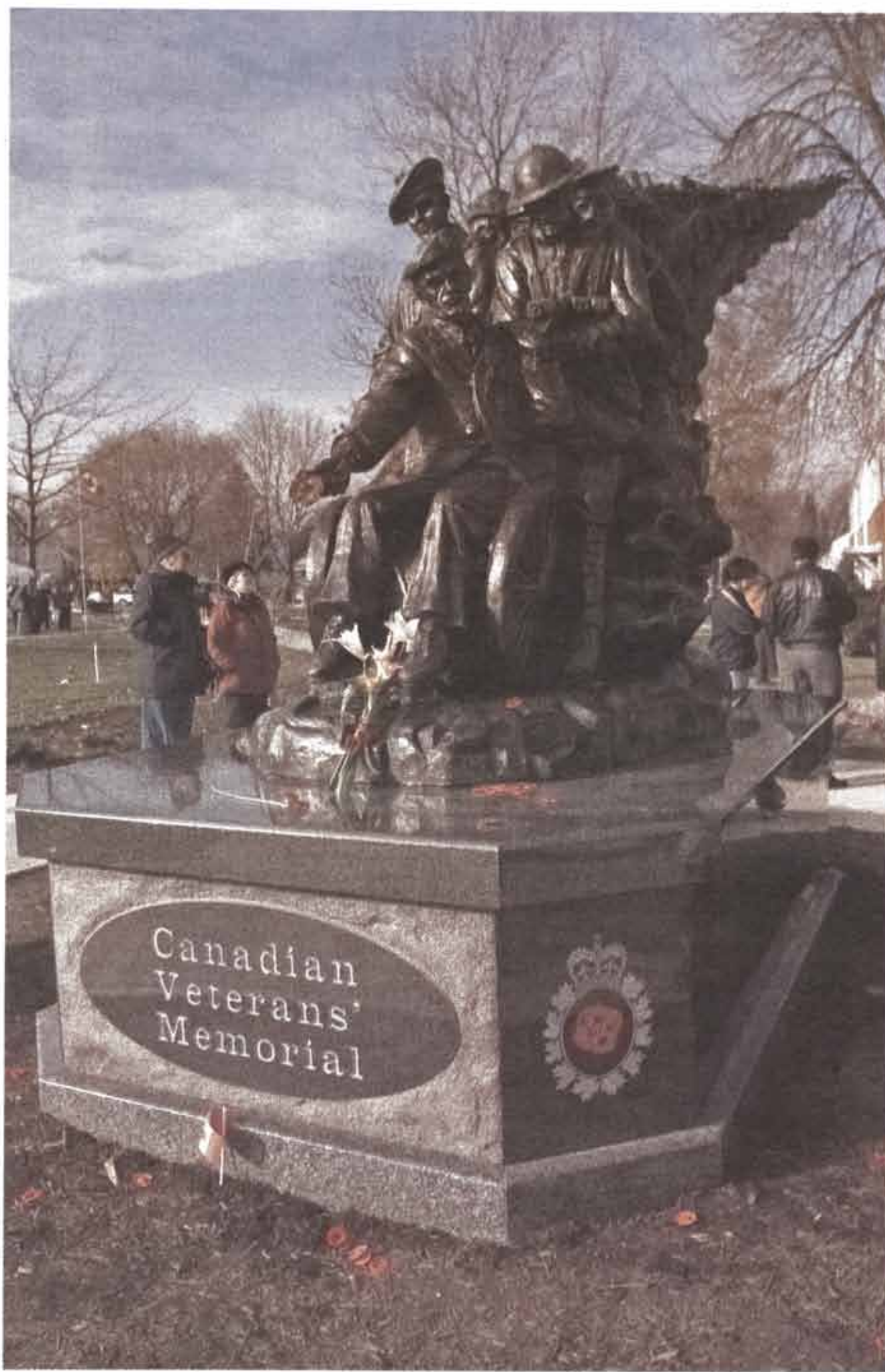
For many of us, when we hear the name Adrienne Clarkson, we immediately think of the former Governor General who was in office from 1999 to 2005. While valid, there is so much more to this woman, evidenced through her memoirs, *Heart Matters*. Tomorrow, Clarkson will appear at the University of Waterloo to promote this book, a gathering that will include a talk, excerpt reading, question and answer period and a book signing.

After suffering heart failure in 2005, Clarkson decided to document her personal history – to tell the story of her parents, and of coming to Canada as a Chinese immigrant after WWII; of her career in broadcasting as a part of the CBC; of her love of French culture, and Paris; and yes, of her time in office as Governor General.

Throughout her life, Clarkson has always been quick to pick up on unusual opportunities that presented themselves to her.

"I think I made an original decision that I wasn't going to live a regular life, and that was very, very deep within me," Clarkson explains. "I knew that somehow I was going to find something that was different to do, but I certainly didn't know what it was. When I was going to university, if somebody had said to me, 'you will be on television,' I

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**POPPIES SCATTERED** - The Waterloo community gathered to unveil the Veterans' Green memorial Sunday.

## Memorial unveiled

New statue to commemorate local veterans, increase student awareness

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A cold morning in November is usually not a time for celebration, but hundreds of residents, veterans and students did just that last Sunday to commemorate Veterans' Green, a park dedicated to Canadian veterans and soldiers. A park that began with an "invasion" of the Canadian veterans finished with an outpour of community support.

The event centred on the unveiling of a new sculpture which repre-

sents wars that Canadians fought back to the War of 1812.

The project started a few years ago with a push by WLUSU to make the unclaimed land a park. Dr. Bob Rosehart, president of WLU, who was also present, said the idea to have it dedicated to the Canadian Forces and its veterans came later.

"[The] idea was to put monuments up, draw students and help them understand the area's heritage," says Anthony Piscitelli, WLUSU VP: University Affairs in 2004-05. Piscitelli was a member of the

committee that eventually decided to dedicate the park to veterans of the area. "It increases respect and mutual understanding," explained Piscitelli.

Wilfrid Laurier students that braved the cold thought it was important to show Laurier students are a part of the neighbourhood too. "This [Veterans' Green] is part of the community. Laurier doesn't end at the boundaries," explained Ross Fraser, fourth-year business

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## BOD member resigns

Agatha Przybylska didn't attend a WLUSU board meeting during her entire term

**MIKE BROWN**  
NEWS EDITOR

The WLUSU Board of Directors has fallen to its most diminished capacity in five years, as Chair of the Board Matt Park announced the resignation of director Agatha Przybylska at last Thursday's bi weekly board meeting.

Przybylska's continued failure to attend board meetings precipitated her ultimate resignation.

"It's an issue for us at any point in time when a director is unable to make a meeting," says Park. "It doesn't really matter for us how many meetings it is; it could be one, it could be all."

"Her work schedule has prevented her from being able to attend the majority of the meetings – I believe all meetings," he added. According to WLUSU's governance manual, "Should the director be absent from 60 percent or more of scheduled meetings in any given two-month period, the director shall be subject to a tier-three censure." A tier-three censure requires the chair of the board to request that director's resignation.

However, according to Park, the reason for absence and whether or not a director provides their regrets plays into the decision. If they've provided appropriate regrets for a meeting, it's exempt from that figure.

"Sixty percent is an absentee figure, as in, you've not contacted the chair, you've not contacted the vice-chair, you've informed no one that you won't be present at the meeting, you just simply aren't there," he explains, describing Przybylska's regrets as "sporadic."

"It might have been another communication breakdown in the sense of she assumed because she provided regrets on one level that it was universally applicable, that it would continue to apply – I don't assume

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- Kathryn Flynn, on how she wanted her mugshot to turn out

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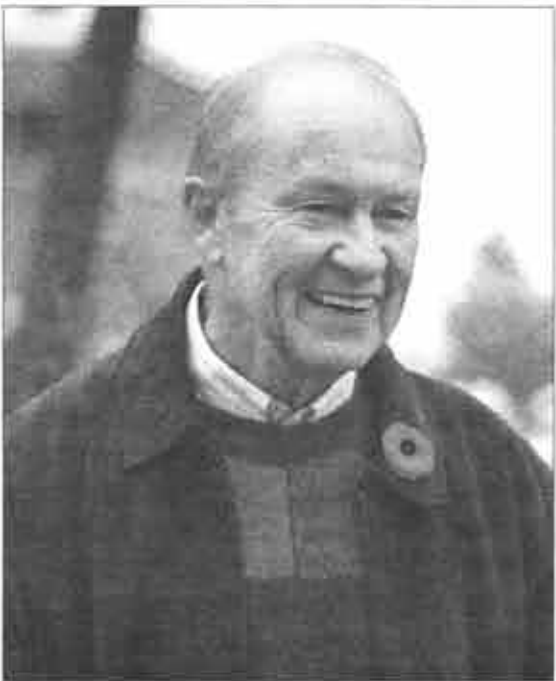


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# Waterloo votes Nov. 13

Tony Ferguson and April Robinson find out why students may or may not matter in this election



Photos by Sydney Helland

**QUESTION AND ANSWER** - From left to right: mayoral candidate Brian Turnbull, Mayor Herb Epp, mayoral candidate Brenda Halloran. Each candidate was asked the same four questions listed below in bold. Their numbered answers correspond to the numbered questions.

**1) Waterloo has been named a "smart city." What is attracting people to work and study here and how is the city planning on keeping them here?**

**2) There is a large student population in Waterloo, most of whom are not tax payers. How does the city deal with concerns that come from these types of citizens?**

**3) Throughout your career, what has your experience been in dealing with students? How do you plan to keep student concerns on the radar?**

**4) Why should students vote in this election?**

**Brian Turnbull**

1) Well, the jobs are attracting these high-skilled workers and what's attracting the companies that want to come here is the universities. The knowledge companies are looking for the knowledge workers, and knowledge workers like to live in creative cities.

There's a variety of things that make a creative city. Tolerance, a diverse population, and a fairly good preponderance of arts and culture.

I want to put on a marketing program just to convince people to look at what's local first and they will like it because there's some very good stuff around here.

2) In my experience the city doesn't look at who's an owner and who's a tenant, everybody is a resident and they deserve equal freedom. The only thing that I think we have to get across to the students is to live here the way you would live in your hometown. It is going to be your home for four years so treat it that way.

3) There's two things that make the students high profile - one is things like Shinerama and the other is when there's a street party that gets out of hand.

Student housing is a big issue; we've worked very hard not to have a student ghetto because when you get a bunch of people of a similar age group together, they take on their own standards and forget about community standards. The attitude of the university here has traditionally been housing off campus is not our problem, I think it's time to re-examine that attitude, if there's bad performance on the part of the students; the university has to think about it and just not wash its hands.

4) I think everybody should vote in every election if only for the practice. Sometimes it doesn't seem as though things are impacting you very much but when they do impact you, you say "What do I do now?"

**Herb Epp**

1) When people have jobs, they stay in the area. When people know you have a vision for the area, they want to stay. We provide good services.

I'm supportive, for instance, of the Symphony Orchestra. I'm supportive of having great recreational facilities in the city. I'm supportive of having other arts and culture amenities and educational institutions. It's not a single thing that attracts people.

2) We have about 35,000 full-time students here. We have a Town and Gown Committee and they meet on a regular basis and let me give an example: we had a real noise problem at the stadium. So, I was aware that Laurier and the residents were not talking to each other for whatever reason. So, I convened a meeting with university representatives from Laurier and some moderates from the neighbourhood. And then we transferred the issue to the Town and Gown Committee. And over six or eight months, they resolved it. They sat with each other and worked it out.

3) You know I went to Laurier and I graduated there long before you were born - in '61. A few years later in '68 I started on Council and I was on Council for 10 years, including being mayor and I was an MPP for 13 years, and I was a high school teacher for 16 years. So all of the time, or most of the time, I'm dealing with young people. And young people are young people are young people. They haven't really changed over the years. It's only a few people that create any problems. So we've talked with them and met with them. And I can't say I've done anything revolutionary. Students are people too.

4) I think if you want to have an impact on the community, you have to get out and vote. Having said that, I've got to tell you that I was interested in politics right from high school years on and I didn't vote locally.

You're just so busy. You're trying to do well academically, and you might have a part-time job, and you're involved in student council and you don't know whether you're going to stay here at the end. So you say, 'I can't really get involved in those issues' because they're complicated. And I don't expect you to know all the issues.

**Q: Are you actively seeking student voters?** No. I'm not because, this is my thirteenth election. Students don't vote very heavily. I could spend a ton of money trying to get them to vote. At the end of the day, a few more would vote. If you spend the same energy, time and money on your people out there, you're going to get more to vote. It's good strategy.

**Brenda Halloran**

1) People are looking for a quality of life and where to live before they are looking for jobs.

So what we, as Waterloo, have to provide is a healthy environment. That, for younger people, is a very important issue to them. We also need to have a vibrant arts and culture base. We have a lot to offer but we can never be satisfied. We always have to be looking for ways to improve.

2) Well, the students basically are tax payers because you buy things and you keep our businesses afloat. So, we need your dollars.

There are a lot of areas where students are living that aren't in good condition. We're going to be doing a lot more investigating of homes that aren't proper.

I think we can do better. I think we can build bridges more. I think the councillors and the mayor, the whole team need to be more involved in student issues because you're such a large population and you deserve respect as well, and we've got to connect with the students and make sure that we, as a city, are providing what you need and I think once you see that relationship building in time that will cover a lot of these.

3) We were at Luther Village, which is a senior's residence, and people were pretty upset about the noise coming from Seagram's Stadium, so this is something we need to connect back to the student federation.

There are different ways that we should be communicating with the community ... students have the right to have some loud events and to have some fun so I think we've got to look at a little more tolerance from the community at all levels. My whole theme is about "solutions, not excuses."

4) Never have the attitude that "I'm only here four years and I'm leaving."

This is your home right now so this matters to you and it should matter to you. You could be affected tomorrow by needing a police officer, you might have to go use some healthcare facilities so you are affected by everything just as I am and you have a lot of clout. I want students to realize you are so important and you do matter and in a few years from now, you're going to be homeowners, you're going to be parents, you're going to be paying taxes, so you should start now paying attention to what is ahead.

If we don't get out and vote and get that sense of pride and responsibility at this stage, what's going to happen 30 years from now when nobody can be bothered? Are we heading towards that apathy as a country? It's got to start here.



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Did you decide to go to WLU based on Maclean's ratings?



"No, I can't just choose my future based on a magazine."

- Mostafa Tonbol  
First-Year General Arts



"Hell no. I'm in Waterloo!"

- Angela Olano  
Fourth-Year Communication Studies



"No, I came because it's got lots of school spirit."

- Meagan Tuck  
Fourth-Year Spanish



"No, not at all. I was going for education not experience."

- Graham MacKenzie  
Fourth-Year Music



"No, not at all, I chose it based on business, Maclean's doesn't rank my program."

- Steve Divitkos  
Third-Year Business

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# Former GG at UW

- FROM CLARKSON, COVER

would not have believed that, because television was just two channels: CBC English and CBC French then, and I had no idea that I would be doing anything like that."

Clarkson spent her time at the CBC with shows such as *Take Thirty*, *The Fifth Estate* and *Adrienne Clarkson Presents*, where she had the opportunity to explore and experience a wide variety of Canadian culture – an experience that would continue for Clarkson as president and publisher at McClelland and Stewart, and later as Governor General.

Coming from an immigrant background herself, Clarkson was quick to recognize the struggles that new Canadians were facing upon arriving in the country. This has guided her on the path towards her most recent endeavour, the creation of the Institute for Canadian Citizenship.

"I really felt as I was Governor General, there was one thing that I felt very strongly about ... we needed in some way to help new citizens become closer to the mainstream of Canadian life."

The first pilot projects of the institute will take place in Vancou-

ver, BC, and Red Deer, Alberta, in January 2007. The aim is to let new immigrants know that they have the opportunity to be civically involved.

"Our immigrants used to come from similar system structures to ours," says Clarkson. "And what we're finding now is that our citizens don't come from that kind of structure. We need to encourage them to get more civic instruction."

Classifying the Canadian identity, Clarkson has an understanding of the country that is unique and far-reaching.

"If people say we can only [define ourselves] as not American, I think that's silly; I don't think that's true. I can tell a Canadian the moment I sit down with them. Just the way we are, the way we hold ourselves, the way we talk about things ... we share something in climate, in nature, in an attitude towards our neighbours – it's not a political statement, but the identity is there."

Clarkson will be at the Humanities Theatre in Hagey Hall at 7:00 pm tomorrow at the University of Waterloo. Tickets are available for \$10 to community members; for information, please call 519-888-4908.



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**HER FORMER EXCELLENCY** - Former journalist, publisher and representative of the queen, Adrienne Clarkson's drive for unusual opportunities has led her down several interesting career paths.

## BOD capacity reduced further

- FROM DIRECTOR, COVER that."

Park classified the decision as the result of dialogue that occurred primarily between Przybylska and vice-chair Lauren McNiven.

"[Lauren and I] were just communicating with Agatha a lot on where she felt her issues were," he notes. "She herself came to the realization that she wants to put a lot of time into the board, she wants to contribute to WLUSU, but at the same time, her needs as a student – she has to attend her job, she has to attend to her academic life and it was just conflicting too much."

"It just sort of finally came to the realization that, with Agatha, it was just an undue amount of stress put on the entire organization and so she sort of came to the realization that she would resign."

Coupled with the May resignation of Josh Periard, this reduces the Board from its full capacity of 16 voting members to 14.

As a result, the board discussed at some length the ramifications of Przybylska's resignation upon its ability to function at a diminished capacity, in an effort to decide whether or not it needed to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) to elect a replacement. In the end, they decided against it.

"What I see here is the board expressing its confidence in its continued ability to do its job," says Park.

Though stressing that he felt the board's confidence was the primary impetus for its decision, Park cited a few other considerations, such as the expense of running an SGM, the learning curve involved for a new director and the feasibility of running an election, particularly in light of President Allan Cayenne's announcement that the position of Chief Returning Officer (CRO) has been vacant as of last Thursday.

For now, Cayenne is operating as the interim CRO and meeting with the elections executive, after which the position will be re-opened for hiring.

As for the board, given that Przybylska did not sit on any subcommittees, the direct impact on its functioning is minimal, but Park outlined a few repercussions.

"It's a bit more difficult for directors because our job as a whole is to collect info from the students and now that task is being shared amongst fewer people," explains Park.

In 2001-02, four directors resigned from the board, marking the last mandatory SGM.

Przybylska could not be reached for comment.

## Boon for research

\$20K scholarship extended to Laurier, aims to include the disabled in rehabilitation research

**BRIAN WEADICK**  
CORD NEWS

Graduate students at WLU are now eligible for a new scholarship which aims to include persons with disabilities in rehabilitation-related research.

The Toronto Rehabilitation Institute (Toronto Rehab) announced that student eligibility for a \$20,000 scholarship has been expanded to include students at McMaster University, Ryerson University, the University of Waterloo, York University, and Wilfrid Laurier University.

The scholarship, now in its second year, was previously only offered to students at the University of Toronto.

Established in 2005 in conjunction with financial support from the TD Bank Financial Group, the Toronto Rehab scholarship is awarded to students with disabilities who are enrolled in full time studies in a rehabilitation-related field. This can include anything from music therapy to engineering to biology so long as it relates to rehabilitation research in some form.

According to Dr. Geoff Fernie, Vice President, Research, at Toronto Rehab, the institute will "work with the recipients and arrange for them to have support to get their special training." In the past this has included providing

wheelchair parking, notetakers, as well as providing a supervisor from Toronto Rehab who assists the recipient in their studies.

The scholarship aims to help recipients more fully "gain a level playing field" and "involve users and consumers in rehabilitation research," says Fernie. "The best way to involve consumers in the research process is to help them become competitive researchers."

Dr. Stephen Perry is an associate kinesiology professor at WLU and he is happy to have the scholarship open to Laurier students. Dr. Perry explains that the quality of rehabilitation research improves when the people that it's targeted towards are involved.

"We want to try and get these individuals involved in the research ... because they live with the experience so they know the ins and outs of the disability."

The Toronto Rehab institute believes providing monetary assistance through a scholarship, as well as additional support to overcome any barriers brought about by the student's disability, will encourage consumers to become rehabilitation researchers.

Fernie is optimistic that "if we are able to demonstrate that it has a real impact ... ultimately we would like it to grow into a program that goes right across the country."



NEWSINBRIEF

Campus clubs OK

WLUSU's Campus Clubs department is once again under the supervision of a direct leader. Nicole Drisdelle officially began her term as campus clubs coordinator on October 26.

The WLUSU Board of Directors has made governance amendments in the interest of better dealing with similar situations in the future.

"We recognized throughout the process that, when Mr. Provost was terminated ... we need to figure out where things broke down and what was wrong," explains Chair of the Board Matt Park.

Current policy didn't allow for the immediate dismissal of a volunteer. Accordingly, the board has passed a motion to permit immediate dismissal in extreme cases, including, among other things, gross misconduct, gross negligence, sexual harassment, and misappropriation of funds.

**WLU Remembers**

Wilfrid Laurier University will observe Remembrance Day this Friday in the Concourse. Events will begin at 10:00 am. WLUSU President Allan Cayenne said, "[It] should be a good event and it should mean something to a lot of people."

Friday's ceremony, which is organized by the WLUSU History Appreciation Committee, will host a reception afterwards at Wilf's Den where students can talk to veterans and the other speakers.

"We didn't change a lot about the ceremony this year compared to last year," said Cayenne. "It's a good formula."

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# WLU gets food bank

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As students contend with the rising costs of tuition and living, the price of food is becoming increasingly significant on many university campuses. At Wilfrid Laurier, a student food bank has been set up to help those in financial need meet their nutritional requirements. As of late October, the service now allows WLU students to receive three days' worth of meals by simply filling out an online application.

Nicole Gill, VP of Student Services for the WLU Students' Union, who is spear-heading the project, feels the food bank is providing an essential service to students in the community. Despite the stigma that all students are spending their grocery money on liquor or that they could turn to their parents for assistance, Gill explains that many are legitimately struggling to get by.

"Economics and student needs have become such an important part of our lives these last couple years," she says. "Students just need so much more support when it comes to financial need." Gill claims that the project is meant to

be similar to an "emergency food bank" and is in place for those who are having difficulties making ends meet.

And the food bank at Laurier promises to provide support to all who request it. By logging onto the WLUSU website, inquiring students can access a simple seven question application regarding their financial and dietary needs. After completing the form, students will receive an e-mail, providing the location of the locker where their food hamper will be placed. Students have three days to collect their donations and have the option of using the service three times per semester.

With over 50 campuses across the country boasting similar projects, the concept of a student food bank is not new. In 1982, the first food bank opened in Edmonton and 1996 saw the highest number of student food bank openings.

Gill explains that since Laurier lacked the service, she was compelled to get involved. "We [Laurier] always pride ourselves on being the best of the best. We do everything, and we didn't have this one thing."

Wendy Campbell, the associate director at the Food Bank of Waterloo Region, also feels that food

bank programs in universities are essential. Despite the fact that students hardly seem in dire need compared to some other members of the community, Campbell feels that students should also be given a chance to receive support.

"The campus is so unique. It is important that students are comfortable and can access our service in their own environment." Campbell notes that students face several barriers that others in the community don't necessarily have. By having a food bank close by, they can reach many students who would normally go hungry.

The Food Bank of Waterloo Region has extended a partnership to Laurier's project. This means that, for a minimal fee, the school can access any of the food bank's stock. Campbell feels that Laurier has set up a "great system," and they ensure that the school has met several requirements before being granted partnership status.

"We need to know that an economically disadvantaged group needs additional support, and that it is going to fill a gap in the community. [Laurier] is serving the student population," says Campbell.

Although the project has been

running for less than three weeks, Jenna Wilson, the Student Food Bank Coordinator feels that they are "in really good shape." Although she and Gill have been working out the glitches in the system for the past week, Wilson explains that the tremendous support from the community is making her job easy.

"I haven't had to really do much; people have been approaching me big time. People just seem to really want to help with this service."

Those involved with the program don't seem to expect fraudulent use either. "If people are interested in using it, you want to help them. [And] if students are asking for food they obviously need it," says Wilson.

The Laurier library is currently running a Food for Fines program where students can bring in non-perishable items in exchange for having a few dollars knocked off their library fines. All food will be donated to the new student food bank.

Students can access the application form at [www.wlusu.com/food-bank](http://www.wlusu.com/food-bank), and there will be donation boxes set up outside WLUSU offices for those who want to donate.

## No chance to procrastinate

Biz student, athlete gets \$5000 for outstanding academic and extra-curricular achievement

**ASHLEY JANG**  
STAFF WRITER

Many students have a difficult time getting through the school year trying to balance classes with various other activities. As hard as it is to maintain this balance, one Laurier student proves that it can be done.

Julie Mitchell was recently awarded the Jane M. Klausman Women in Business Scholarship at the international level for her outstanding academic achievement and impressive volunteer experience. The scholarship awarded to Mitchell is worth US \$5000.

Mitchell is heavily involved in extracurricular activities at Laurier, including Foot Patrol, Laurier Students for Literacy (LSFL), the business mentorship program, and three years on the nationally-ranked varsity women's hockey team, although she isn't playing this year.

"It's a huge time commitment so I decided not to play this year so I could get involved on campus before I graduate," said Mitchell, who has three OUA banners and one national championship to show for her three years on the ice.

The fourth-year business administration student says she doesn't mind being busy all the time. "I find

it easier to balance my time when I keep myself busy because it doesn't give me a chance to procrastinate."

The scholarship was provided by the local Zonta Club, an international organization working to improve the status of women through service and advocacy.

"Our local club has about 50 members and there are about 1200 Zonta clubs in the world, in 68 countries with about 33,000 members," says Jane Newman, chair of the Awards Committee for the Zonta Club.

Mitchell applied for the award after receiving an e-mail from the business school and realizing that she met all of the criteria, which included enrollment in a business program, academic achievement, volunteer experience, previous awards, references and a 500-word essay that encompassed the student's academic and professional goals.

"Julie stood out mostly because of her academics," says Newman. Her ability to maintain an impressive 11.1 GPA on top of her involvement made her a prime candidate.

Mitchell has won other awards for her outstanding academic and athletic achievement, including the Ontario University Athletics Scholar-Athlete Award.



**TOP-NOTCH STUDENT** - Julie Mitchell was surprised by her recognition.

After winning this award at the club level, Mitchell was forwarded to the district and international awards, taking both. Only six candidates were selected internationally and Mitchell was picked along with candidates from the US, Nepal, Poland, and Australia. "This is the first time we've ever had someone from our district win the international award," says Newman.

Mitchell is very pleased and surprised that she won the scholarship at the international level. "It was definitely a huge honour to be a recipient not only of the club award but also the international award."

"I'll graduate this year and in January I'm doing a co-op at Price Waterhouse Coopers, which is an accounting firm, so I'm hoping to work there once I graduate and get my CA (Chartered Accounting) education."

The governor of the district for the Zonta Club of Kitchener-Waterloo will be presenting the award to Mitchell on November 15. She will also be presented with congratulatory letters from MPs, MPPs, and Premier Dalton McGuinty, who have taken note of her exceptional achievement.



# Victims get a voice

ASHLEY JANG  
CORD NEWS

Sexual assault is a prominent issue throughout Canada, and presumably also on Laurier campus. Sonal Pala, a former Laurier student now attending the University of Guelph, has started a project entitled *Saturday Night: Untold Stories of Sexual Assault at Laurier*, set to take the form of a composition of narratives, poetry and artwork submitted by Laurier students surrounding the issue of sexual assault.

The project was developed last year after a political coffeehouse during which Pala realized that victims' stories of sexual violence really impacted and affected those who heard them. She hopes that this collection of stories and artwork will be effective in motivating sexual assault victims or friends of victims to seek help.

"People's personal stories can be very powerful in terms of making people more willing to get help and it will help people who are experi-

encing sexual violence to deal with those events," says Pala.

The idea is modeled after a publication that was released at Duke University called *Saturday Night*.

Pala strongly encourages students who have experienced sexual assault, or know someone who has, to be a part of the project. "All the stories will remain completely anonymous and it will be published with information on what sexual assault is, how to get help if you've been sexually assaulted and how to help a friend."

Dr. Helen Ramirez, a Women's Studies professor at WLU, emphasizes the importance of understanding that sexual assault is not only a major issue but also that it can be happening to those around us, including friends and family. She thinks this project will serve as a major educational source.

"A book like this is critically important in terms of understanding the origins of violence against women and the consequences on the real lives of individuals," says

Ramirez.

Pala feels that there is a discrepancy from person to person in their understanding of what can be considered sexual assault. Oftentimes, because people do not fully understand what sexual assault is, they do not think it is a problem. "It's something that very much affects the Laurier community as a whole and we want to change the way people think about it so that we can shift the way we act."

The date of release for *Saturday Night*, while not yet official, has been planned for some time next term. Submissions are being accepted until December 1 and can be sent to [saturdaynightwlu@gmail.com](mailto:saturdaynightwlu@gmail.com). It is hoped that the book will be available to all Laurier students, especially targeting first-years that are new to the campus environment.

"Hopefully [*Saturday Night*] will stop the people who are committing these crimes and make them realize it is a crime and not something that just happens," says Pala.

## Laurier receives report cards

Maclean's rankings move WLU back up the totem pole; Rosehart pleased

TONY FERGUSON  
NEWS EDITOR

Wilfrid Laurier University has made some headway this year in its spot on the *Maclean's* ranking scale, up this year from tenth to sixth place in the primarily undergraduate category.

Dr. Bob Rosehart, president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University, says that three factors helped Laurier gain ground this year. The proportion of students with a 75 percent or higher average increased and the student services budget was increased as well as the budget for the library.

These budgetary increases were music to *Maclean's* ears in terms of moving Laurier up on the ranking scale, but *Maclean's* reliance on numbers raises some concerns for Rosehart. *Maclean's* bases the

results of their rankings on ratios of resources to students whereas the *Globe and Mail* university report card assigns grades based on opinions collected by surveying students.

"The interesting thing about *Maclean's* is that all [of] these [schools] in front of us, I think we're at least double or more than double in size than many of them," Rosehart said.

All the universities that placed ahead of Laurier had enrollment of less than 5,000 students. "So when you get to all these ratios," says Rosehart, "it's amazing we do as well as we do."

When the top schools featured in the *Maclean's* rankings are compared to Laurier under the results of the *Globe and Mail's* university report card, schools' performances can be seen in different light.

While St. Francis Xavier placed

ahead of Laurier in the *Maclean's* rankings, Laurier outperformed the school according to the *Globe and Mail* review in terms of quiet places to study, health services and food services. St. F-X also received almost three times as many "C" grades as Laurier.

"If you're going to gamble, I'd gamble on the student input, not the numbers," says Rosehart, who believes that you can't get any better rankings than what students, who are the consumers of these institutions, have to say about them.

Rosehart is impressed overall with Laurier's standing this year. "I think it's been a good year," he says. "We're back where we wanted to be in *Maclean's* and I think the [*Globe and Mail*] university report card is a good news story."

### > BAG O' CRIME

#### Alarm

Occurred: Oct 30, 2006, 2300hrs  
Special Constables and Waterloo Fire Department responded to a residence after a smoke detector was triggered due to an unknown person burning a pot of hamburger in one of the kitchenettes.

#### Alarm

Occurred: November 1, 2006, 0234hrs  
Special Constables and Waterloo Fire Department responded to a residence because of a fire alarm. Further investigation revealed that a pull station in the northeast corner of the building was maliciously pulled causing the alarm.

#### Alarm

Occurred: November 1, 2006, 0257hrs  
Special Constables investigated a fire panel trouble alarm and discovered that a student had disabled a smoke/heat detector in his residence room in order to facilitate the burning of incense for meditation purposes.

#### Recovered Stolen Auto

Occurred: November 1, 2006, 1357hrs  
Special Constables recovered a golf cart at an off-campus location. The cart was stolen from University Stadium on Oct. 31 or Nov. 1.

#### Fraud

Occurred: November 1, 2006, 1440hrs  
Special Constables are investigating two separate incidents in which food was obtained fraudulently using a stolen One Card.

#### Alarm

Occurred: November 2, 2006, 1034hrs  
A Special Constable investigated a fire alarm from the Athletic Complex. It was discovered that the alarm was caused by a heat sensor located in the basement. PP&P were notified of the incident.

#### Property Damage

Occurred: November 5, 2006, 0048hrs  
Special Constables responded to a

residence after receiving a report of a number of males discharging a fire extinguisher in the parking lot. The individuals responsible left the area prior to the arrival of Special Constables. A minimal amount of extinguisher expellant was blown onto parked cars in the area.

#### Alarm

Occurred: November 5, 2006, 0056hrs  
Special Constables responded to the student services building to investigate a fire alarm. Two males were observed running from the building just after the alarm had sounded. Further investigation revealed that a pull station was activated in the Senate Board Chamber. The responsible parties were located by Special Constables, investigation continuing.

#### Disturbance

Occurred: November 5, 2006, 0154hrs  
Special Constables and Waterloo Regional Police responded to a large fight in progress outside Bricker Residence. Upon arrival no fighting was observed but four males were seen running from the area. Two of those males were stopped by Special Constables in Lot #3 by Willison Hall. Investigation continuing.

#### Property Damage

Occurred: November 5, 2006, 0326hrs  
Special Constables and EMS responded to a residence after a resident male student punched a hole through a window. The male suffered cuts to his wrist and hand.

*The pulling of fire alarm stations is becoming a real safety concern on campus. Community Safety & Security would like to remind the Laurier Community that it is a criminal offence to create a false fire alarm and you could be charged under S. 437 of the Criminal Code of Canada and be liable for imprisonment for two years.*

*If you witness a person pulling a fire alarm please contact Community Safety & Security immediately.*

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# Vets remembered globally

DAVE GOLDBERG  
CORD INTERN

Most people have a preconceived notion of what a veteran is.

Most North Americans see a soldier, a warrior, a hero or maybe even a saviour. When we picture this nameless, faceless symbol of conflict, we often see them standing before a maple leaf or stars and stripes backdrop.

Too often, people think the West played some sort of superman role in cunningly rescuing Europeans from Nazi clutches. But if you look at what a veteran is more closely, you will realize that they also stand before other backdrops; a Japanese sun, a Union Jack, or a German cross.

When we picture this nameless, faceless symbol of conflict, we often see them standing before a maple leaf or stars and stripes backdrop.

The history of celebrating the veterans' sacrifices dates back to 1919 when King George V of England proclaimed a day of observance to take place on November 11, the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I.

Initially, this day of commemoration was called Armistice Day in the UK, Canada, Australia, South Africa and all the other commonwealth countries and was observed with one minute of silence. After World War II, the name was changed to Remembrance Day (Canada did this earlier in a parliamentary deci-

sion in 1932) for Britain and Company and to Veterans' Day in the United States, and was observed with two minutes of silence; one for each of the great wars.

Around the world, similar things take place; France, Belgium and Puerto Rico, as just a few examples, also have a Remembrance, Veterans' or Armistice Day. But in some places the day has multiple meanings. In Poland, November 11 is the day of remembrance but is also celebrated as the day that Poland received independence from Russia, Prussia and Austria.

A little more than a month ago, the conference La Memoire Partagée hosted 24 different countries to discuss ways that the world could honour veterans as an international community.

On October 26 and 27, the International Conference on Shared Memory took place. Delegates from different countries signed pacts of understanding in attempt to foster respect between their future generations.

In world wars 60 and 80 years ago, countries all over the world enlisted the help of men and women who were willing to fight for their country. Ignoring their language and place of origin, soldiers fought for a cause that they believed was greater than themselves.

Lest we forget. Por temor a que nosotros nos olvidemos. Per paura che dimentichiamo. 為了不至於我們忘記。Dass nicht wir vergessen. For at ikke vi glemmer.



**PAYING RESPECT** - A South Australian soldier stands at attention during Armistice and V-E Day celebrations at the end of WWII.



**A CORDIAL WAVE** - Apologies have been for both his comments and the mistakes of the Church's representatives.

## Papal apologies continue, now aimed at Irish

After enraging Muslims, the Pope's comments put some minds at ease

JACKIE MARTINZ  
CORD STAFF

Pope Benedict XVI was recently praised by Catholics around the world for comments he made about sexual abuse by Catholic priests. The Pope called sexual abuse cases in the Catholic Church "egregious crimes" and argued that they "damage" the church. He made the address to a group of bishops from Ireland and focused on cases in Ireland during his speech. Everyone responded favourably to his address, which many felt was long overdue.

This is a drastic change from the reaction many of Pope Benedict's remarks have garnered lately, especially the now-infamous speech about Muslims. The Pope had to issue an apology following the flood of outrage in response to remarks he made about Muslims and their

faith. The Pope has stated that he was deeply sorry and did not intend to provoke with his comments.

He also stated that a particular statement concerning Islam was actually a quote taken from a former Byzantine emperor and not his personal opinion. Despite this, Muslims around the world insisted the Pope's remarks fuelled sentiments against Islam and should not have been made.

On September 12, during a speech at Regensburg University in his native Germany, the Pope quoted Byzantine emperor Manuel II Paleologos when an argument about faith and reason erupted at his address. "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new and you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

According to the Pope, the quote

was used simply to appeal for a dialogue with Islam. However, many argue that this public address was not the right time or the right place, and such comments from a figure as influential as Pope Benedict XVI were bound to stir controversy and intensify the negative feelings many people already have for Islam and Muslims.

Following the statements, a series of events, such as outcry from Muslims worldwide and a shooting in Somalia that left an Italian nun dead, convinced the Vatican that an apology was necessary. Close ties between the Pope and significant individuals with strong Muslim links were also highlighted.

On the same day as his address, the Pope named a Moroccan-born archbishop, Dominique Mamberti, as his Foreign Minister. Mamberti has spent most of his years in Muslim-ruled countries.



## International Education Week

If you're looking for a fun way to learn about the world around you without the hassle of reading textbooks and attending lectures, the International Education Week at Laurier is just right for you. From November 13 to 17, you'll be able to wander around the concourse for food samples and amazing music, while learning about diverse cultures outside of Canada. International movie nights will be from November 13 to 15. So if you plan on traveling sometime soon or you're just interested in seeing the world without leaving campus, this is a great week to educate yourself. Visit <http://www.iew-sei.ca> for more information.

## Buddhist materialism

A sanctuary in the recently commercialized Thai city, Bangkok, has driven many followers of Buddhism to frustration. The Wat Pathum Wanaram was initially built in a quiet neighbourhood ideal for meditation but due to construction, new malls and railways, many Buddhists are feeling the negative effects of the western world that we are so used to. On the other hand, the temple is profiting from donations being made and is increasing in popularity. This is great for their growth but members are still encouraged not to focus on the material world that surrounds them.

## Brits most watched

The UK is now ranked one of the top "surveillance societies" in the world. BBC News recently stated that observation surrounds this democratic world so much so that there is approximately one camera for every 14 people in the country. It is estimated that by 2016, parents will even be able to monitor what their children eat at school. This surveillance culture seems to be spreading throughout the world but appears to be under control.

## Condoms: Pronto!

Wrapper-free condoms are going on sale in South Africa this week, with its promoters claiming it can be put on in just one second. Pronto condom designer Willen van Rensburg told the BBC that he hopes it will encourage people to use condoms, since "using an ordinary condom is a real pain." South Africa's HIV prevalence rate ranks sixth worldwide, with 18.8 percent of its population between the ages of 15 and 49 infected. "People find [putting on condoms] slow and are willing to take their chances," said van Rensburg.

- Compiled by Heather MacDonald with additional files from Arla Latto-Hall

# US 'war games' revealed in online documents



**LOOKING FOR ANSWERS** - Political moves by Republican Congress resulted in sensitive nuke-related information posted online for weeks, says the New York Times.

**ARLA LATTO-HALL**  
INTERNATIONAL EDITOR

A large archive of Iraqi documents captured during the war and made public by the United States was shut down by US officials on Monday night, according to the *New York Times*. The site, which reportedly began in March 2006, had several postings in recent weeks that contained detailed information about the anatomy of an atomic bomb, experts said.

The site was shut down after the *Times* asked government representatives about complaints from weapons experts and arms-control officials. According to a spokesman for the director of national intelligence of the US, the website will be shut down "pending a review to ensure its content is appropriate for public viewing." At time of press, links to the documents were still inactive from the host site, the Foreign Military Studies Office Joint Reserve Intelligence Center.

*Times* authors claim that documents in English included "Iraqi reports written for United Nations inspectors in charge of making sure Iraq had abandoned its unconventional arms programs after the Persian Gulf war."

The documents were reportedly posted after a campaign by "conservative publications and politicians" with the goal of opening the motivations for the invasion to interpretation, said the *Times*. By releasing these documents, they hoped to "reinvigorate the search for clues" that Saddam Hussein's arms programs had been restarted

years before the invasion, thereby legitimating the instability and violence it sparked under US control.

The Iraq war is a hot-button issue for Americans in particular. The heavily reported invasion of Iraq, initiated by incoming Republican president George W. Bush, has left his reputation tarnished. He was reportedly avoided by party members looking for election in yesterday's crucial midterm elections.

Hussein, whose dictatorship over Iraq came to an end following the US-led invasion of his country, was sentenced to death by hanging on Sunday by an Iraqi court. Although consensus in western countries was that Hussein was guilty of war crimes long before the courts met, Iraqi sentiment remains divided, with a minority of sympathizers still standing in his support.

According to Andrew H. Card, former White House chief of staff, Negroponte warned senior officials that the documents were initially "put out at some risk," and that they didn't know what was in the documents.

The *Times* had approached several experienced physicists for their opinion about the documents leading up to conversation with the US government. They seemed to agree that the information was highly sensitive and potentially dangerous if obtained by aspiring nuclear nations.

Yet other recently declassified information about the US invasion of Iraq remains accessible online. The National Security Archives, a private non-governmental research institute located at George Wash-

ington University, is host to one such archive, stocked with documents gathered primarily through the US Freedom of Information Act. On Saturday, it released a collection of potentially-incriminating documents titled *Post-Saddam Iraq: The War Games*, which did not include information about weapon-building.

"The United States Central Command ... conducted a series of war games known as Desert Crossing in order to assess potential outcomes of an invasion of Iraq aimed at unseating Saddam Hussein," wrote Roger Strother in the publication's introduction.

These "war games" were orga-

nized in April 1999 during a conference of "analytical experts" with the final goal of developing a "worst case scenario."

"There was consensus that the United States would not intervene without coalition support except under the most dire circumstances such as WMD use or catastrophic humanitarian disaster," said the *Desert Crossing After Action Report*, 1999.

While the *After Action Report* cited "A Russian Roulette of Regime Change" in its list of possible scenarios for the invasion, the US Department of Defence website produced no hits for a search about "Desert Crossing."

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# On to Yates... barely

Laurier overcomes turnovers and ghastly first half performance by their quarterback to beat 'Stangs



**DAN POLISCHUK**  
SPORTS EDITOR

While the main man in charge refused to say the words, the statistics basically spelled out the fact that Laurier's victory over Western, in the OUA football semi-finals, was just plain ugly.

And one of the most glaring of those numbers, in the Hawks' 20-15 win, were the four interceptions thrown by quarterback Jamie Partington; in his opening playoff appearance for what has been a season of 'firsts.'

With the quartet of turnovers by Partington all coming in the first half, it was ironically a touchdown pass that allowed Laurier to go into halftime with a 7-6 lead. The TD would come in the form of a dump-off to running back Brodie Legein, who scampered through the secondary for the score.

Aside from floating passes to the Western defensive backs, the Hawks

would increase their turnover tally to seven on the day. Fortunately for them their defence proved to be as resilient as ever, holding the Mustangs offence to only five field goals by kicker Derek Schiavone.

The consecutive drives producing the three-point kicks did, however, put the visitors in the lead from early on in the third to the twelve-minute mark of the fourth. It was at that point Partington made amends for his mistakes with a one-yard TD plunge to put the Hawks ahead 13-12.

The two-point conversion play following the drive, which was set up by huge gains from Legein and fellow running back, Peter Quinney, was unsuccessful.

Further on in the final frame, Partington would come back again to secure the victory for the Hawks, finding Josh Bishop in the end zone to increase the lead to 20-12.

The touchdown did come with a price though with Bishop getting absolutely leveled as he made a miraculous catch. After lying on the turf for several moments, he was helped off the field by trainers and teammates with an apparent leg injury.



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## OUA YATES CUP FINAL

Kick-off: Saturday at 1pm

Site: Frank Clair Stadium, Ottawa

TV/Radio: The Score (ch.53) / AM 570

According to the Hawks' Head Coach, Gary Jeffries, the injury sustained was to the hamstring. He also commented that Bishop "will be out for a while," which would, more than likely, indicate a tear of some sort.

With the lead in hand the Hawks had to endure some very tense moments after the Mustangs would come within five points of tying. With 1:30 left on the clock, Western would, in fact, find themselves within 29 yards of scoring the winning touchdown.

And to the 2,633 in attendance, they appeared to do just that - with a pass by Mark Howard to a wide-open receiver. With flags flying, though, the officials called the play back, noting that Howard had crossed the line of scrimmage on his pass attempt.

With the Mustangs essentially shooting themselves in the foot all game not having capitalized on the Laurier turnovers, the play seemed a fitting end to the Hawks' victory.

Regardless of their listless play on offence though, Jeffries did not really focus on the less-than-stellar performance. Rather, he credited his players, specifically Partington for "sucking it up."

"I've never won a game in my life that was ugly. We can be better than that but absolutely not ugly," said Jeffries.

"In the first half I think there were some nerves; it's his first big game he's really played like this. And all the credit to him for hanging in there and getting it done when we had to."

"He's the guy that got us here and he's the guy we're going to ride right to the end of this thing," he added.

Partington himself was a little more frank when asked to assess his showing.

"A few times I threw the ball, it just hung up there ... too anxious I guess; settled down in the second half," he said, adding that he has "never even thrown three [interceptions] in a game."

"I couldn't hit water from a boat in the first half."

Asked what he can take away from such a performance, the beleaguered ball-tosser did not offer much, other than the fact "that we won and that we're going on to the Yates Cup."

And in that very game they will be facing the number three-ranked Ottawa Gee-Gee's after they defeated the Queen's Golden Gaels by a 23-10 score. Ottawa, a team that beat the Hawks in Waterloo earlier this season by a 29-19 score, has long been predicted to be the team to knock Laurier from its championship throne.

But Hawk linebacker Jesse Alexander was nothing short of confident that his team will be very prepared.

"[It's] going to be a tough game for sure. Road trip up to Ottawa, heck of a football team. They came in here and beat us ... we can't make mistakes against a team like Ottawa or we're done," he said.

"We definitely can't play like we did [Saturday] or it's going to be ugly."

As one of the main cogs of the Laurier defensive shield, Alexander remained positive that his team will be able to capture a third straight Yates Cup, in their fourth straight appearance for the event.

"Keep an eye out for the Hawks. There's going to be a repeat coming."



Sydney Helland

**TAKEOFF!** - Laurier receiver Andy Baechler goes airborne in an attempt to snag a pass against Western.

## SPORTS BRIEF

OUA crowns men's rugby all-stars

**DAVID GOLDBERG**  
CORD INTERN

The Golden Hawks were star-struck this weekend when the OUA chose a handful of members from the men's rugby team for the all-star squad.

Eightman Jacob McNumara, who led the pack not only in the game but in the winners' circle, Winger Adam Markew, Backrow John Moonlight and Prop Clayton Gilmore were the four all-stars named - out of the 22 chosen from across the province.

McMaster and Queen's led the way with six all-stars apiece.

After a perfect start to the season, winning their first six games, the Hawks succumbed to injuries. They would lose their next three, including a playoff quarter-final game.

McMaster would in fact repeat as league champions with a 15-10 victory over the Western Mustangs.

## GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of  
Nov 8 - Nov 14, 2006

### RECENT SCORES

10.28.06

W Lacrosse Semi-Final

Laurier 11 - McGill 8

W Volleyball 3 - Ryerson 0

10.29.06

W Lacrosse OUA Gold

Laurier 7 - Queen's 5

W Hockey 1 - York 2

11.01.06

W Basketball 60 - Windsor 68

11.03.06

W Hockey 2 - Queen's 1

M Hockey 3 - Windsor 2

M Volleyball 2 - Toronto 3

11.04.06

M Football OUA Semi-Final

Laurier 20 - Western 15

W Basketball 44 - Western 60

W Hockey 2 - Queen's 1

M Hockey 10 - Windsor 3

W Volleyball 0 - Ottawa 3

11.05.06

W Volleyball 1 - Toronto 3

### UPCOMING HOME GAMES

11.10.06

W Volleyball vs Waterloo

WLU Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

M Hockey vs Concordia

Waterloo Rec Complex, 7:30pm

M Volleyball vs RMC

WLU Athletic Complex, 8:00pm

11.11.06

M Hockey vs UQTR

Waterloo Rec Complex, 2:00pm

M Volleyball vs Queen's

WLU Athletic Complex, 6:00pm

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# Hawks skate into top ten

With seven wins under their belts already, the men's hockey team breaks into the national rankings in the #10 spot

JAMIE NEUGEBAUER  
CORD SPORTS

In taking both games this past weekend from the visiting Windsor Lancers, the men's hockey team has improved their record to a smoking 7-1, moving them to the top of the OUA standings.

The Friday game proved tighter than the two teams' quality should have afforded, with Lancer forward Jordie Preston scoring on a wrap-around a mere twenty seconds into the affair.

From there the Hawks' power play took over right on time with Windsor players constantly march-

ing into the penalty box. Matt Mac-carone potted one on a two-man advantage.

In the second frame, Chris Di-Ubaldo scored at 10:01 on another Laurier power play during a scramble in front of the net, giving the Hawks a 2-1 lead.

The third period saw Mark Voakes fire in a deflected point shot, also with the man-advantage, to boost the lead to two goals.

Lancer Wes Ewer added a consolation marker but it wasn't enough as the Laurier penalty kill was dynamite through the entire game and especially near the end when it mattered most.

Game Two of the back-to-back on Sunday started just like the first one in that the Lancers scored first with Alex White tallying at 7:23 on a Windsor power play. But after that goal, the similarities between the two games ended.

Despite the early set back, the Hawks managed to out-play the Lancers the rest of the way.

Chris DiUbaldo scored on the power play at 16:10 of the first, tying the game. James Edgar reappeared from his scoring hiatus shortly after to give the Hawks a lead they would not relinquish.

If the first stanza slightly favoured the Golden Hawks, the second was

simply owned by them.

The boys in purple and gold scored no less than five times with goals coming from Maccarone, Voakes, Nick Vergeer, Luke Girard and Chad Kennedy – the last two coming within a mere 23 seconds of each other.

Windsor started the third period with a bit of life as Kody Mintenko notched a power play goal at the 1:48 mark, but three more markers by the Hawks snuffed out all hope for the Lancers in the eventual 10-3 loss.

Golden Hawks Head Coach, Kelly Nobes, was very impressed with his team's performance after the sec-

ond game, noting that their focus was on playing a high tempo game for 60 minutes and getting good contributions from all four lines: an objective that was accomplished.

It is also worth it to note that the Hawks scored eight power play goals in the two games out of 13 total tallies – clearly something that opposing teams will have to watch out for also solidifying the team's legitimacy as contenders this year.

Being named to the CIS Top Ten yesterday, they came in at the #10 spot. The Alberta Golden Bears remain the best team in Canada, thus far.

## Volley-ball machine is stalling

Team in unfamiliar position to start the campaign

MARK D. HOPKINS  
CORD SPORTS

Simply put, this season has not started as envisioned for the women's volleyball squad. Perhaps Sunday's match against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues provided a microcosm for what has transpired thus far for the Golden Hawks.

After splitting the first two sets, the Blues plowed over Laurier 25 - 13 in the third frame to gain the upper hand. An entertaining fourth set saw Toronto build an 8 - 3 lead only to have the Golden Hawks fight back to take the lead in the set 23 - 21.

After seeing ties at 24, 25, 26, and 27, the visitors managed to squeak out a final two points en route to a 29 - 27 set win and a 3 - 1 victory

over the purple and gold. Frustration was evident when Laurier could not finish off the set to send the match to a fifth and final frame.

Some questionable calls by the game officials added to the dismay of the Golden Hawk team that now sits at 1 - 4 and in the basement of the OUA Western division. Prior to this match, Laurier dropped straight set decisions to McMaster, York, and Ottawa while managing to roll over Ryerson for their lone victory on the campaign.

Unmistakably frustrated by the slow start to the season, bench boss Dave McIntyre offered his opinion.

"We have to execute better overall," he noted. "I think that's going to come with time."

Adding to the aggravation is the fact that this team is not used to

losing, let alone being three games below .500. After silver and bronze OUA medals in the past two seasons, expectations have consistently escalated for the squad.

The team suffered a major setback in losing leader and first-team OUA all-star setter Laura Horner to graduation. Second-year player Amanda Komer and rookie Kristi Town are in competition for the starting spot that has opened up.

"That position really hasn't been established yet," admitted McIntyre, "One of them will step up to the plate."

While losing an integral piece to the purple and gold puzzle will cause some to characterize this as a rebuilding season, this team simply has too much talent to sit in a last place position.

"We're closer," McIntyre concluded. "We're getting there."



Laura Tomkins

**A GOOD'OLE SMACK DOWN** - Right-side, Deanna Kaminskyi and teammate Erika Mohle look to block a U of T attack shot.

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# Is Toronto ready for some NFL football?

The Cord taps into the big sports debate as to whether Commissioner Roger Goodell should expand north of the 49th parallel

## >KEEP DREAMING, CANADA



LAUREN MILLET  
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When faced with the question of whether or not Toronto should be granted their own franchise of the NFL, many people are putting their foot down against the idea.

Although it has been Paul Godfrey's dream since 1988 to see Toronto join the NFL, many of the people in Ontario's capital do not share his ambitions.

Many Canadians love spending their Sunday afternoons watching the NFL on television, but, bringing a franchise to Toronto is not a good idea.

Toronto's entertainment is already stretched to the limit, with the Leafs and the Raptors in competition in the fall and winter, and the Argos, Jays and now Toronto FC competing in the spring and summer. There really isn't any room to add another team to the already packed schedule.

Bringing the NFL to Canada will also further break the already fal-

tering CFL. While Canada's football league is not exactly bringing in skyrocketing figures, having to support an NFL team worth an estimated \$1 billion US is asking a little too much of our delicate pockets. Taking any funds away from the CFL could be removing the last crutch and could provide a fatal blow to our league.

Aside from these reasons, one of the main issues revolves around where Toronto's team would play. The logical choice for Godfrey is the Rogers Centre, but, with a seating capacity of only 55,000, it is 10,000 seats short of the standard set by the NFL.

The team would also have to share the Rogers Centre with the Blue Jays, which is something the NFL would undoubtedly resist.

The NFL takes pride in their state of the art, football-only stadiums, and although the Roger's Centre was a public marvel in 1989, it has since lost much of its lustre.

In order to build a new stadium, Toronto tax payers would have to pour out millions of dollars, a decision many citizens would not be pleased about.

## >IT'S ABOUT TIME



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There is no reason why the largest city in Canada should not seek to become a part of the greatest and highest class of professional football in the world, not to mention an opportunity to be a part of the most profitable sports association by far in North America: the NFL.

It has been no secret that Paul Godfrey, president of the Toronto Blue Jays, has been trying to bring a franchise to Toronto for several years now.

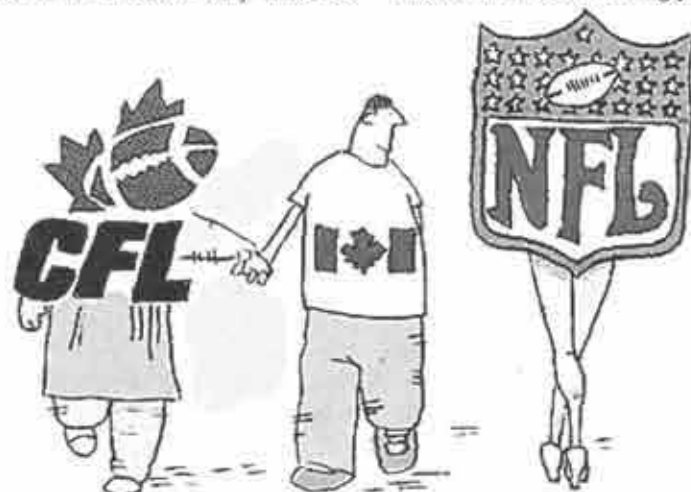
The question that is often associated with this topic is why would they even try to do such a thing, when clearly the pride and tradition of Toronto football has been invested in the Canadian Football League (CFL) and moreover the Toronto Argonauts organization?

This is a question that is hard to ask without a sarcastic tone to it, almost in itself attesting to the sub-par performance level of the Canadian league and its inadequate ability to successfully fill the void of football at its highest level in this province's capital. No offence to the CFL, but it's about time you stepped aside for the main event.

Speaking from an economic, social and overall "sports-fan" perspective, one can only be left struggling to find a reason why Toronto

would not want to compete at such an elite level of football, where the city has, to an extent, been able to thrive in the other three North American major sports associations (NBA, MLB, NHL).

If Toronto does not end up getting an NFL franchise based on basic legalities and technicalities of the acquisition, the question up to that point must remain simple: should the city of Toronto try to go for an NFL franchise? The answer should be a resounding yes.



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# Students storm beaches of Normandy



**LANDING ON OMAHA BEACH** - Above: American soldiers land on the shores of Normandy on D-Day, only to be greeted by Nazi fire. Below: Much like the stars of *Saving Private Ryan* students simulate the storming of the beach.





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Matt Symes

Normandy students simulate the storming of the beach

On June 6, 1944, over 15,000 Canadian soldiers joined the Allied forces in raiding the beaches of Northern France to liberate Western Europe from Nazi occupation. Today, students journey back there to honour those soldiers' courage and walk in their footsteps

**MICHELLE PINCHEV**  
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As in previous years, the 2007 Cleghorn Battlefield Study Tour will send students from Wilfrid Laurier University and the Université de Montreal to the Canadian battlefields in Northern France and Normandy.

This year, nine lucky students from Laurier were chosen to participate in the trip, including graduate student Matt Symes. Currently working on his Masters in History, Symes was driven to go to Normandy by his interest in military history as well as by the fact that his own father fought in the Korean War.

Symes was deeply affected by his experience on the Cleghorn tour, which aims to recreate some aspects of the Battle of Normandy.

"You're not just going over there and staring at memorials," Symes says of the tour, led by professional historians. "You're really understanding what went on there because of how much passion they bring to it."

Similar to the Canadian soldiers on Juno beach, the students begin their journey on the shores and work their way inland. The students were brought out to the icy cold waters of Omaha (where the American soldiers arrived — think *Saving Private Ryan*) and given the choice to participate or not. Symes says every single person stayed to participate — an opportunity like that only comes once.

"The idea was to storm the beach," explains Symes. "You run for about three or four paces and then you hit the sand. Then you get up and do it all over again."

Symes points out that the students were without the eighty-pound kit bags the soldiers had to carry during the battle while having bullets fired at them from different directions.

"And we were tired after 20 yards," says Symes. "I can't imagine going 200 yards. I just don't know what drives a person to do that."

"It's not only a passive learning experience for them," says professor Michael Bechthold. "It's interactive."

Bechthold, who teaches history at Laurier and is the communications director at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies, attends the Cleghorn Tour with students in addition to assisting in its direction and planning.

Not only do students come up the Normandy shores, they are also put through "TEWTs," which stands for Tactical Exercises Without Troops.

"The idea is that they are put in the role of a military commander and made to think their way through problems," Bechthold explains. The TEWTs are an important learning tool for students, pointing out that hindsight is 20/20 when reading about what happened in books, but that the decisions are more difficult

in reality.

As part of the study tour, Symes and the other students were each responsible for reading two related books as well as giving on-site presentations. The presentations cover strategy and operations as well as a biography of a Canadian soldier killed in action.

For Symes, the most difficult and most rewarding part of the experience was his soldier presentation at Ardenne Abbey. The site of a monastery in Caen, the abbey is better known as the site of a massacre of Canadian prisoners of war.

"We were at the exact gardens where this story took place," recalls Symes, who already knew a lot about what took place there before the trip. "To walk up the same stairs and walk into this garden is pretty powerful, to say the least."

According to Symes, soldiers were taken to the courtyard one by one and shot in the back of the head by an SS soldier.

"As soon as the first one was shot, they knew what was happening," says Symes. "So when the next guy went, they would shake each other's hands before they went up the stairs .... These are real people. And you really get that feeling when you give this presentation."

**"Canadians were overwhelmingly volunteers, taking part in wars that had absolutely no direct impact on Canada. It would have been easy for us to say, 'That's over in Europe, we don't want to be part of it.'"**

**- Professor Mike Bechthold, LCMSDS**

Although definitely one of the highlights of his trip, Symes says the presentations were emotional and difficult for many of the students. Sharing their experiences with each other at the end of the day, Symes felt was one of the most rewarding aspects of the trip.

Mike Bechthold, who attended one of the first Battlefield Tours thirteen years ago, had done a study that looked at the experiences of students and what they got out of the tour.

"I found that a very high proportion of students had gone on to pursue some sort of career in military history," such as teaching, writing, documentary filmmaking and research. "It had a profound impact on those who attended."

The tour also instills a great sense of Canadian pride in students, who get to see first-hand the esteem that the local populations in Europe hold for Canadians, of any age.

"Our standing in the international world came out of our participation in the Second World War," says Bechthold. "To see that definitely can't help but make you proud."

While most applications are from history students, Bechthold and Symes both ensure that the program welcomes a wide diversity of students who study programs other than history. In fact, they feel that anyone could stand to benefit from this experience, especially students who care about Canadian issues.

"I think there's a much greater military interest given what's going on today," says Bechthold, referring to Canada's role in Afghanistan.

Unlike the heated debates that take place over military conflict today, there was little debate over Canada's role overseas.

"Canadians were overwhelmingly volunteers, taking part in wars that had absolutely no direct impact on Canada," says Bechthold. "It would have been easy for us to say, 'That's over in Europe, it doesn't affect us, we don't want to be part of it.'"

But Canadians were undivided over the second World War.

Symes describes World War Two as the last time in history when "at least in terms of warfare, people were united and people fully understood what was going on."

Symes and Bechthold encourage students who want insight into today's conflicts to learn more about our military's past.

"A person who has studied history and knows it well will take a certain methodology when they go to look at these events," says Symes.

Regardless of how people feel about the conflict in Afghanistan, students need to support Canadian soldiers

of the past and the present.

"Something we've learned from the Vietnam War — whether you support the war or not ... they deserve our support," says Bechthold. "I don't know if we're going to be successful," he says of our efforts in Afghanistan. "But if we don't try, I would say we have failed before we even began."

The application process for the Cleghorn Study Tours involves letters of reference and transcripts. The information is available through the school's website as well as at the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies.

The Cleghorn Tour is mostly funded through a bursary and is quite competitive.

If you aren't chosen for this tour, there is another almost identical one offered through the Canadian Battlefield Foundation. There are other guided tours available, or students can organize their own trips to these destinations.

If any opportunity to visit Normandy presents itself, Symes' experience has convinced him that Canadians of any age and background should seize it.



# Vet Green: ours to share

Veterans' Green becomes a community space for Waterloo and Laurier residents

— FROM **VETERANS**, COVER

business student.

Mark D'Lorio, a second-year business student and residence life don in Little House, brought his floor to the event. He thought it was important to "make [his students] aware of what's going on at the school and in the community; support a good cause." His floor was surprised by the turnout, and said they will most likely attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in the Concourse.

One of the most moving parts of the ceremony was a speech made by Renee Murray, a mother of a soldier currently stationed in Afghanistan.

Murray spoke of how it never was or is easy to have a loved one on the front lines. "[I] always picture him safe," she said. It was also her son's twentieth birthday on Sunday. The chills in the air at this point were not only from the cold.

The veterans in attendance were appreciative of the support from the children, high school and post-secondary students. Allan Kilbour, a veteran dressed in his campaign medals, was grateful for the support shown from the Laurier community. "[It] gives us a sense of appreciation. There are still people thinking about us." Kilbour fought with the armoured regiment from Sher-



Sydney Holland

**FLAGS ON PARADE** - Canada's provincial and Kitchener-Waterloo flags on display on University Avenue.

brooke, Quebec and was wounded in France before the war ended.

Bill Sutherland, a veteran from the Korean War, shared Kilbour's sentiment. "It's a memory we all can share," he said. Sutherland joined the air force through the University Air Training Program

that was in place at his institution, Queen's University.

Since the memorial's unveiling, veterans, soldiers, students and members of the community have been visiting the new addition to Veterans' Green.

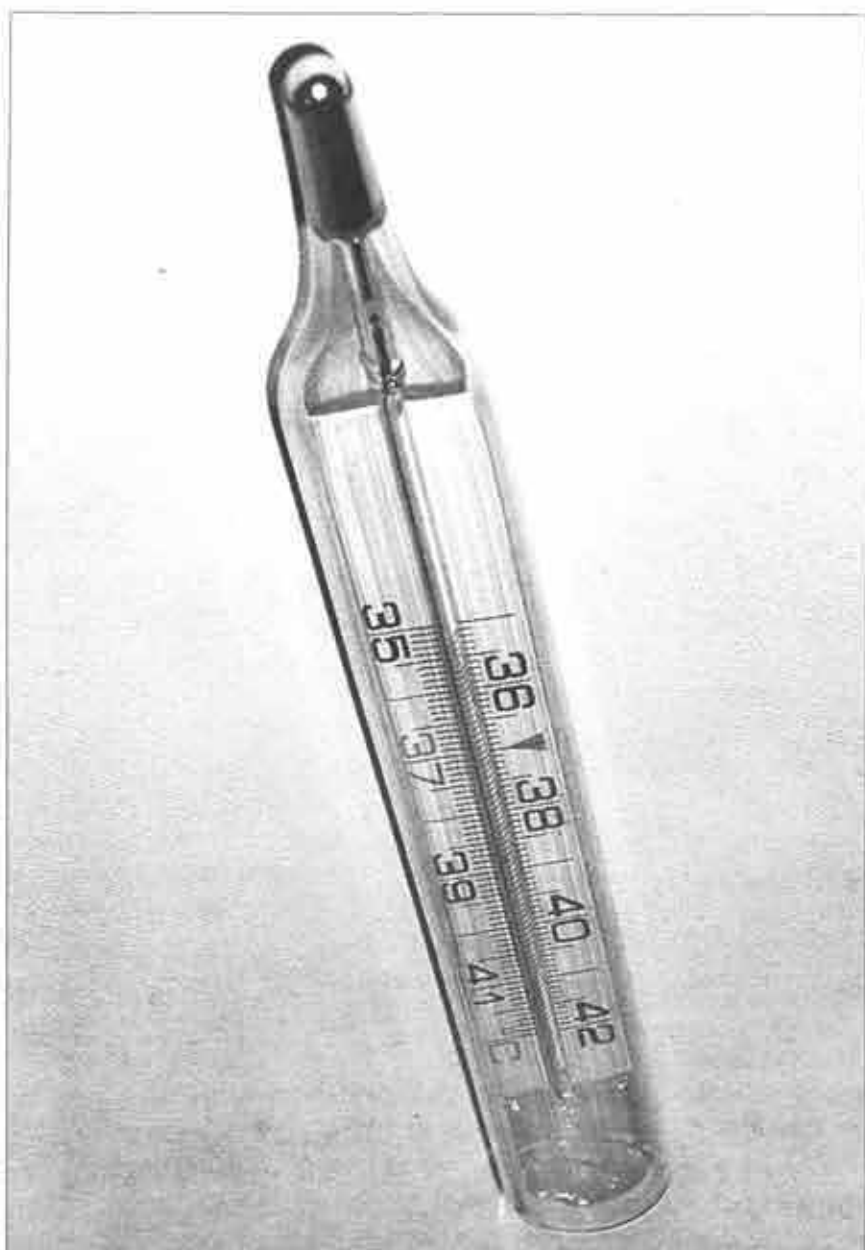
It has become a place to gather

and reflect on those who have fought and are fighting for Canada.

Kathy Dammon, one of the key members responsible for the memorial, gave lasting words for the Laurier community. "Students young and old, this too is your park. Now it's your duty to stand on guard

for them."

Veterans' Green is located across from the main entrance of Wilfrid Laurier University at the corner of Hazel Street and University Avenue.



**FORECASTING HIGH TEMPERATURES** - A sure sign of the flu.

## Making colds uncommon

There's still no cure for the common cold, but there are ways to cope

**STEVE NILES**  
STAFF WRITER

With high stress and many people in close proximity to us, university is a breeding ground for illness. Despite this, many steps can be taken to prevent colds and kick them faster. Preventative measures to avoid illness are simple steps that everyone should take. Jennifer O'Neill, lifestyle and wellness coach at the Athletic Complex, has many tips that will help ensure you remain healthy this winter.

The adequate intake of vitamins such as A, C, D and B12 will keep your body running effectively. These vitamins give your body the necessary fuels required to keep your system running properly and prevent illness.

Intake of these vitamins through whole vegetables, fresh fruits and juices and multi-vitamins are the

best intake methods. However, ensure you are taking gender-selective vitamins; men and women need different nutrients, and a generic multi-vitamin will not have the ideal amounts of certain vitamins that men and women need.

Beyond diet, exercise is the best way to keep your immune system up. It does not mean you need to run a few kilometres every day, but a walk in the fresh air will have remarkable effects on your body. Also, be sure in to include adequate rest as part of your healthy lifestyle.

Finally, ensure that hand-washing becomes part of your routines. Your hands are the best carriers of the cold virus, so be sure to get germs off them. Warm water and some scrubbing is required; the motion of washing is what removes the virus.

If you are unfortunate enough to be stricken with a cold, O'Neill also has some tips to kick it quickly. Your mom was right; the adequate intake of fluids do your body wonders. Not only will fresh juices provide your body with vitamins and energy in the form of calories, but also the water content helps your

body form thin mucous making it easier for your body to get rid of the virus. If juice is not available, water is sufficient, although Gatorade packs some taste as well as the calories your body needs.

Avoid alcohol while you are fighting the cold; it takes more water out of your body then it puts in. While the cold may get in the way of your social plans, beer and wine are not good fluid replacements and will only lengthen the time you are sick.

Do not use a cold as a reason to go crazy on the junk food. In reality, this is the time to eat healthy. Keeping your body functioning with an adequate food intake allows it to fight the illness properly. Soups are good sources of fuel for your body, and the warmth will help that sore throat.

In regards to more serious illnesses, preventative measures are also available. Health Services offers flu shot clinics starting on November 17, and every student is encouraged to get a flu shot, which is free. By following this easy advice, hopefully you can make the cold uncommon this winter.



# Student Life on a health kick

O'Neill explains why sleep is another part of the healthy living puzzle

**JENNIFER O'NEILL**  
STAFF WRITER

Sleep is often an overlooked factor of a healthy lifestyle. A good night's rest is just as important as a healthy diet and exercise. In fact, without sleep you are jeopardizing the full benefits of eating right and exercising.

A psychology professor at Cornell University, Professor James B. Mass, shows that anything less than eight hours a night causes you to operate impaired. Your alertness, productivity, creativity and general health are all affected. However, one person may function optimally on five hours of sleep, while another may need nine hours.

Mass explains that the body needs eight hours of sleep a night because right before the eighth hour the mind restores itself for the next day. Although this may seem unrealistic, the good news is you can make up for lost sleep.

When last-minute projects or exams hinder your sleep for a night, catching up on missed hours of sleep the next night has the same healthy benefits. However, the reverse does not work. The body can not bank extra hours of sleep so they can be used later.



Shane Porter

**YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT!?** - Stretching is an integral part of an exercise regime.

## How to start

Create a sleeping schedule. Account for times when you know a late night will be inevitable and plan for extra sleep the following night. The best way to start getting a good night's sleep is to have a consistent weeknight sleeping schedule.

The easiest way to do this is to go to bed at midnight and wake up at 8:00 am. Set your alarm for midnight and when you hear it, it's time for bed. Set your alarm again

for 8:00 am.

Establishing a regular sleep and wake schedule and achieving continuous sleep helps you sleep in accordance with your internal biological sleep clock and lets you experience all of the sleep stages necessary to reap the restorative, energizing and revitalizing benefits of sleep.

## Take small steps

There are many small things that

you can do to successfully get to bed on time each night. Avoid caffeine (coffee, tea, soft drinks or chocolate) close to bedtime. Although regular exercise can help you sleep better at night, make sure you complete your workouts three hours before bed. Relax in a warm bath or catch up on your readings before your bed. Turn off your computer. Start ending MSN conversations half an hour before your bedtime.

Lastly, create a sleep-conducive environment that is dark, quiet and

preferably cool and comfortable.  
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The long-term benefits of sleep will affect your mood, your stress levels and your relationships with others. Getting on a sleeping schedule will ensure that your body has the time it needs to restore and revitalize itself for each morning. Warning: benefits of increased sleep may cause improved relationships, better grades and less money spent at Tim Horton's.

## STUDENT LIFE HEALTH CHALLENGE WEEK THREE: LAURA'S FIT DIARY

**LAURA CARLSON**  
STAFF WRITER

Living in residence last year seemed to make me somewhat nocturnal, and I usually didn't get to bed much earlier than 3:00 or 4:00 am.

Since I had morning classes almost every day of the week, I got through my days by chugging back coffee and taking power naps whenever I have the chance.

But despite my good intentions to alter my lifestyle, I was not always able to follow Jen's advice, and eight-hour sleep regiment this past week.

Thanks to assignments, articles and nights out drinking, there were actually only four nights that I was able to get to bed on time.

Although it didn't happen often, I can vouch for how great getting a full eight hours of sleep was. I found that when I woke up, although I still felt a strong desire to pull the covers up over my head and stay in bed all day, it was much easier to actually get moving.

I didn't press snooze repeatedly, and there was even a day when I woke up before the country music came blasting out of my alarm clock.

Because I was actually getting out of bed when my alarm summoned me, I found that I had some extra time in the morning. I used this to

my full advantage and made sure to eat a good breakfast.

It seems that eating a healthy meal at the start of my day was also a factor in my increased energy levels.

The biggest difference for me was that I didn't crash halfway through the day. I could actually stay awake through all my classes, and I had no need to sneak home during my breaks to nap. I was able to skip my morning cup of coffee and could usually hold off until mid-afternoon to indulge.

Despite how great it felt for me to actually get the proper amount of sleep on certain occasions, for a university student this doesn't seem to be possible every night.

Trying to maintain a high GPA, being involved in extra curricular activities and still wanting to have some form of a social life, often blocked me from going to bed on time.

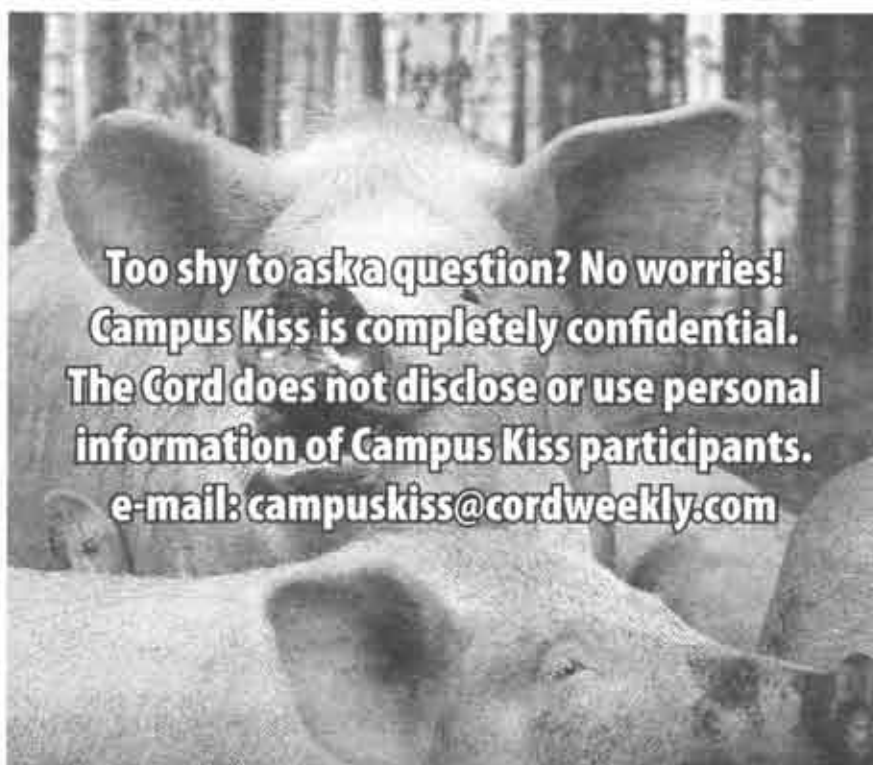
It seems that each night I needed to sacrifice something, and sleep is often what I chose to cut. I did experience how energizing getting the proper amount of sleep feels, and as a result I am trying to make a conscious effort to go to bed early.

However, I have also learned that dealing with exhaustion, is perhaps one of the most valuable skills I have learned from university.



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# Playing With Fire gets burned

The *Cord* does a group review of Kevin Federline's new album, so you don't have to

**JOE TURCOTTE**  
A&E EDITOR

It's hard to find any redeeming quality about Kevin Federline's *Playing With Fire*. But when pressed there is one thing that can be said about this magnificent waste of time and money: *Playing With Fire* serves as a perfect encapsulation of all that is wrong with modern mainstream rap.

By trying to create a commercial album so he will not forever be known as Mr. Britney Spears, Kevin Federline has managed to create an album that touches upon all of the topics that are often associated with hip-hop music.

Drugs, alcohol, sex, misogyny, womanizing, reckless behaviour, rampant braggadoccio, name-

dropping, self-service, collar popping, pimping and an overall lack of creativity or artistic innovation are the themes of this soon-to-be forgotten album.

What is most distressing is that *PWF* exploits the themes that comprise the struggles of Black North America. A certain level of credibility needs to be achieved so that the music does not merely trivialize or exploit the struggles of today's disadvantaged youth. When an inner-city musician raps about the lack of social mobility that leads many young North Americans to a life of crime there is the understanding that this struggle is something that he or she has lived through.

But when Mr. B-Spears raps about borrowing his wife's car for a stoned joy ride, the struggles that

are so deeply rooted within rap music are lost. Instead we are left with a glorification of the very social ills that rap music looks to illuminate and correct. Of course, Mr. Spears is not the first to try and capitalize on hip-hop culture.

Mainstream rap is full of "artists" that are carefully crafted and presented to the masses. What is different about Mr. Spears is that he seems unaware that his music is a cruel joke and not a crafty marketing gimmick. Without any major label support, Mr. Spears used his matrimony money to create his own label.

Unfortunately, without the major labels and their team of production wizards – hell, they made his wife sound good – Mr. Spears is left to fend for himself.

Instead, we are presented with an album full of predictable and cheesy lyrics that are layered on top of production that sounds as if it has been crafted on a Casio keyboard.

No number of allusions to Biggie, Dre, 2pac, Snoop or Beyonce and Jay-Z can make up for an utter lack of lyrical skill or ability to flow. And no amount of money in the world could make me listen to *Playing With Fire* one more time.

Kevin Federline  
*Playing With Fire*  
Original Release Date:  
October 31, 2006  
Rating: 0.2 / 10  
Label: Federline Records  
Recommendation:  
**DON'T BOTHER**

*K-Fed's debut album, Playing With Fire, raises a host of questions that have been long overdue on the hip-hop landscape.*

*Questions like: Who is the pancake man and why has it taken this long for someone to make reference to him in four songs on one album? How many credible rappers need one reference to gain credibility by osmosis? And perhaps most pertinently, was a hip-hop album really the best place to confront a tortured past and subversively discuss an ongoing struggle with child molestation?*

*Now, I have just one question for you, K-Fed: Do you really think Britney needed any help embarrassing herself?*

-Mike Brown

*When a song features a classic line like "News hate K-Fed, Girls love K-Fed, It don't matter to me, Cuz K-Fed stay fed," one has to wonder how this guy ever got a record deal. Oh right, he didn't; he had to self-produce it with his wife's money.*

*And just because Federline has the ability to use a rhyming dictionary to connect verses, does not entitle him to the title "rapper." My advice to you, K-Fed, is to go back to the trailer park. And if you must subject music-lovers to another awful CD again, include a "must consume copious amounts of liquor to get through this" advisory label.*

-Laura Carlson

*Every once in a while, on a rare occasion, an album comes along that changes the face of the earth. It revolutionizes the way we think about music.*

*It changes the way we think about our lives.*

*Playing With Fire is not one of those albums. Its more comparable to a douche-bag.*

*Douche-bags don't spawn fan clubs. They don't supply catchy melodies or memorable anthems. They're disposable and unsightly.*

*Douche-bags go inside dirty vaginas. K-Fed is married to Britney Spears.*

*So if a friend offers to lend you a copy of Playing With Fire, do yourself a favour: go eat a dirty douche-bag instead. You'll have a much, much better time.*

-Alex Hayter

*Anyone that can rhyme "handshake" with "pancake" is top-notch in my book. Unfortunately, sales seem to be lagging, which isn't entirely surprising for a CD with a parent advisory and a target audience of four-year-olds.*

-Wendy Nind

*Has K-Fed managed to break into the industry of parody music that Weird Al has dominated all these years? With lyrics like: "You'll need a bigger army, if you comin' for me. I hit like tsunamis."*

*He can't be serious! But he is. Just count how many times he says his name, (who knew so much rhymed with Federline?) He doesn't realize he's lame.*

-Carrie McNabb

**DISCLAIMER:** The *Cord* A&E recognizes the irony of giving the egomaniac Kevin Federline the type of attention he craves. However, someone has to do the dirty work and let the public know about this crime against good taste.



# A father's choice

Theatre & Company revisits the ethics surrounding the Robert Latimer case with *Mourning Dove*

CARRIE MCNABB  
CORD A&E

Few Canadian murder cases bring about the same raw, conflicting emotions as the Robert Latimer case.

In 1993, Robert Latimer killed his 12-year-old daughter, Tracy, who suffered from severe cerebral palsy. Tracy, a quadriplegic, had undergone many operations and continued to experience agonizing pain.

In *Mourning Dove*, writer Emil Sher attempts to capture the heart behind the facts. His play, based on the Robert Latimer story, creates ambiguity around the character of Tina Ramsay, the sick daughter. Although one may draw conclusions from Tracy, the play never explicitly identifies Tina's illness. Nor does the audience ever see her.

The lack of a physical Tina for audience members to weigh against the severity of her father Doug's solution creates even more uncertainty regarding right and wrong.

Directed by Stuart Scadron-Wattles, the entire play takes place in Doug's workshop. Set designer Dennis Horn created this environment to offer conflicting impressions. The set is disturbingly dark and hollow with large ropes hanging from the scaffolding.

However, when Doug enters the room to perform the plays he has written for Tina, the set has a different feeling. You can see the hand-crafted puppets and the mountains of toys and truly feel how much love is in this family.

The acting was professional with two of the three principle actors being veterans of Theatre and Company (Matt White as Keith, and Linda

Bush as Sandra Ramsay). Dwight McFee (as Doug) is new to the Theatre and Company stage, but has much experience all across Canada.

It is unfortunate that the scene with the most potential was quite weak. The power of Tina's death was lost in the awkwardness of the direction. It was clear that some of the scenes that called for interaction between the actors and Tina lost their full potential due to the actors' inability to "see" Tina. Spending more time properly defining Tina as a person in the scene would make this inconsistency disappear.

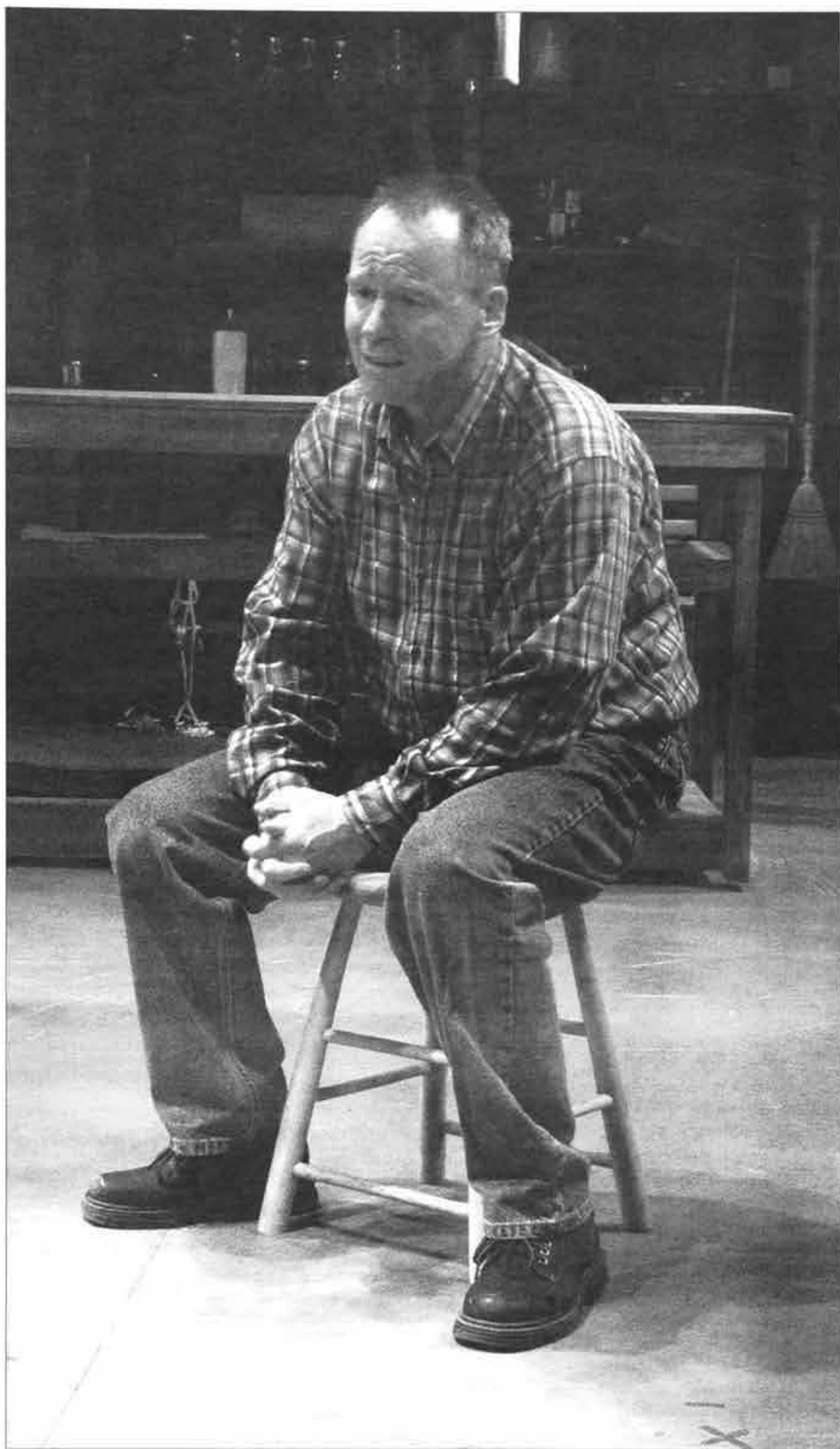
By far the most riveting scene was the confrontation between Doug and Keith. Keith is a family friend who was active in Tina's day-to-day life. He received great happiness from making her smile. Keith is mentally challenged.

In this scene, Keith confronts Doug for his choice of killing Tina. He draws parallels to himself: because he will never be a "normal" person and since he will never get better, is it okay to kill him too?

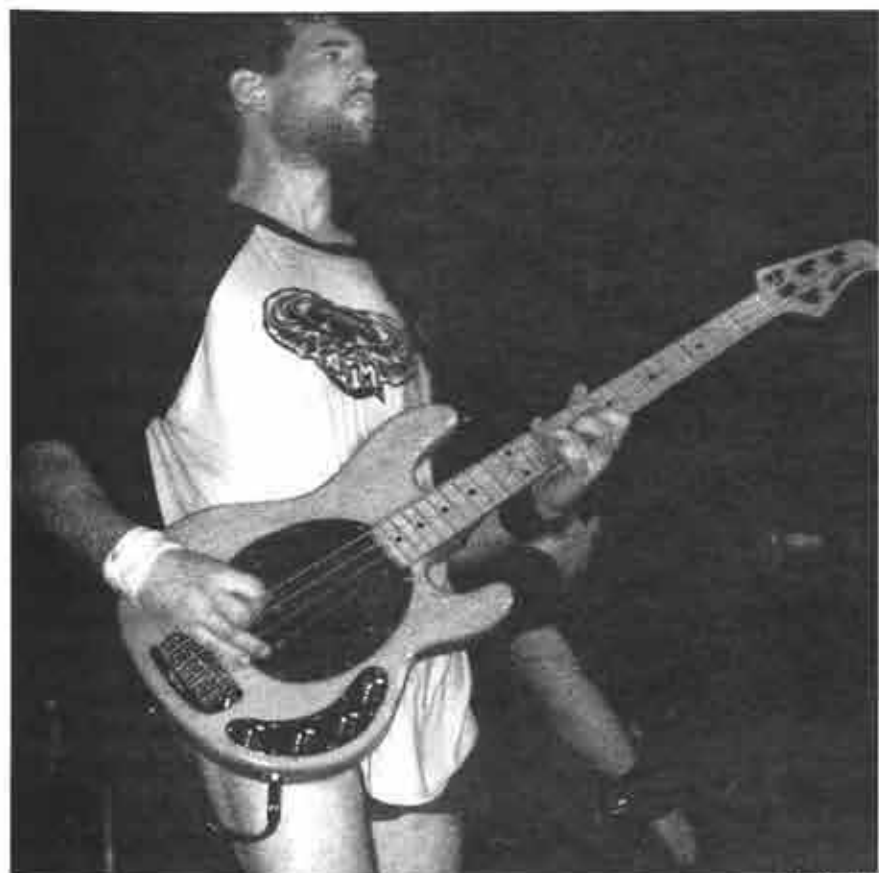
A lot of controversy around the Latimer case surrounded that very idea: Is it ever okay to speak for someone who cannot speak for himself? Does this not ultimately reduce disabled people to second-class citizens?

*Mourning Dove* runs until November 12, 2006 with all performances located at Theatre and Company's location in downtown Kitchener.

Performances are at 7:30 pm Wednesday through Saturday, matinees beginning at 2:00 pm both Friday and Saturday, and a Sunday Twilight show beginning at 4:00 pm.



**A TOUGH CALL** - With their latest production, Theatre & Company explores the issue of mercy killings.



**BREATHING ROOM** - Propoghandi bassist Todd "the Rod" Kowalski gets a little more comfortable in a pair of short-shorts.

## Sounds like anarchy

'Doom rock' outfit Propoghandi brings mix of aggressive anarchist music to Southern Ontario

MATT GIVEN  
CORD A&E

My anarchist road trip has met my expectations.

For two days I traveled around Southern Ontario to see the band Propoghandi and cover them for the *Cord*. Ever since I bought the band's 1996 release *Less Talk, More Rock*, I have been waiting to see the anarchist band live on stage.

However, it seems the band tours and releases albums infrequently. Over 15 years in existence, the band has only put out five albums, each album taking much longer to

release than the previous one.

So when it was announced that the band would be playing at the Salt Lounge in London and at the Underground in Hamilton, I knew that I had to be there to witness the show. I took the Greyhound bus line early Friday to London, stayed overnight in the city, got to Hamilton at 7:00 pm the next night, and made it back to Kitchener by four on Sunday afternoon.

While unknown within the realm of mainstream music, the band has been all over the world, are on Fat Mike's (of Me First and the Gimme Gimme's fame) record

label, and are Doom rock's most militant "hosers" as they are snottier, quicker, and thinner versions of TV land's hoser kings Bob and Ted Mackenzie.

Propoghandi are usually classified in the genre of "doom rock" and are a band with an especially intellectual anarchist political bent. Doom rock is not even a musical sub-genre unless you accept that the human race is headed into a tunnel of apocalyptic fantasy and terror in the next fifty years. Punishing through tracks such as "The Only Good Fascist is a Very Dead Fascist" and "Homophobes are Just Pissed Cause They Can't Get Laid" you will understand quickly how militant Propoghandi are with their

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# Comic book revival

The source of big-screen blockbusters, comics are often overlooked and looked down upon



Comic books: is there any dirtier combination of two words in popular culture?

Often associated with those antisocial kids from high school who you thought never quite reached puberty, comics have been pushed to the edge of pop culture and have been degraded in every form of media, not to mention by countless academics, parents and lobby groups.

But then a serious question arises. If comics are such a nasty and unwanted art form with terribly unappealing stories, why, when adapted to another medium such as Saturday morning cartoons or the big screen, do people finally take notice of this creative and innovative form of storytelling?

Recently the comic book industry has been struggling. Comic book sales have plummeted since the spectator boom of the early nineties and a number of firms, including Marvel, have filed for bankruptcy despite creating some of the most innovative titles and compelling storylines in recent history. There are a number of possible factors to the decline in comic book popularity.

Fans may be scared off by the social stigma associated with comic book culture. Most fans of comic books aren't the popular stereotype of people running around in Star Trek pyjamas (not that there's anything wrong with that). Rather, comic book connoisseurs are regular people including business elites, doctors and academics.

Or part of the reason could be the format of the medium's narra-

tive structure. No one wants to walk into a comic book shop, Chapters or go online and pick up issue five of a 12-part story arch.

It often seems as though comic books are perpetually in the second act, refusing to let new fans catch up or obtain a foothold. It would be the equivalent of trying to pick up *Lost* in mid-third season; it just isn't going to happen.

But there have also been advances in the art of comic books that could contribute to comic book resurgence. A relatively unknown innovation in the world of comics is the trade paperback (also commonly referred to as graphic novels, volumes or collections).

These are collections of a single or several story arches in one convenient and relatively affordable package. Although sometimes pricey, they retain a respectable resale value online and could easily be split amongst friends.

Comic book shops also create a barrier to new enthusiasts. Although it's not always the case, comic book shops can be an intimidating environment for beginners. Most shops aren't the cleanest or nicest-kept shops around. This often leaves those unaccustomed to the distinctive ambiance of a comic shop with a sense of intrusion.

There is also a common notion that comic books are about nothing but a bunch of alpha males running around in tights entertaining kids or acting as a form of social escapism for all those teenage social rejects.

Superhero comic book characters are multidimensional and face the same problems that you or I do. They just wear scandalously skin-tight outfits. Titles like the *Fantastic Four*, *Spiderman*, *Captain America*, *Wonder Woman* and *Superman* deal with difficult cultural and social issues in a captivating and entertaining fashion.



**SUPERHERO SHOWDOWN** - Battles between Batman and Superman are common in the world of comics.

It's not just a matter of leaping over a tall building and breaking up a bank robbery. Instead, these titles also deal with rocky interpersonal relationships, balancing life and making difficult moral decisions—things that in one way or another everyone can relate to.

There is a growing trend in comics to focus on regular, human characters as opposed to the traditional superhero. For example, anyone interested in the political, social and cultural fallout of war should look into the comic book series *DMZ*. The series describes a chaotic future, possibly not so far off, in which America has succumbed to a second civil war.

The island of Manhattan has

been turned into a demilitarized zone; the two warring sides firmly entrenched on either bank (think World War II-era Stalingrad). The book focuses on a young photo-journalist parachuted into the middle of the conflict to report on the civilians who chose to stay behind and live in the middle of an urban war zone.

Comics are a unique medium and are all too quickly ostracized in our society. They cater to all tastes, ages and demographics; deal with all forms and variations of theme; and tackle many enduring social and cultural issues including drug abuse, sexuality, rape, oppression, racism and gender roles—often more openly than any other

medium.

Instead of waiting for the next installment of *Sin City*, *Batman* or *Spiderman* to hit theaters, go pick up a graphic novel. The *Sin City* movies do little justice to the artistic and story-telling brilliance of Frank Miller.

If you've sat in front of the television and asked yourself why nothing is on, then comics aren't too much time out of your day or too much money out of your budget.

Next time you have a moment, drop into any of the local comic book shops, check out the display of graphic novels at the local Chapters or even go online. You'll be surprised at the selection of comics that are available.

## Political message, pop-rock sensibility

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militant Propagandhi are with their politics.

They are militant, sure, but I don't want to get you under any impression that would lead you to question Propagandhi's rationality. Much like the famous books and productions by Noam Chomsky, Norman Nawrocki, and Ward Churchill, Propagandhi's moral rational argument defeats all alternative critics or defenders of world government that I have come across. But to accept this bold statement, one must truly know Propagandhi to understand Propagandhi.

Performing with three "very special friends," The Rebel Spell, Dope Poets Society and GFK, both Southern Ontario gigs were violent, drunken, and unpredictable.

At the Salt Lounge, I arrived early and witnessed someone accidentally walk through a plate of glass. Later on as Propagandhi took stage, hundreds of fans who were soaked from smoking outside in the rain all night made the mosh pit area more unbearable than the male bathroom with no doors on the stalls.

The next night I saw the band again. However, this time I was able to watch the show from backstage at the Underground in Hamilton.

From there I witnessed Propagandhi's

bassist Todd "the Rod" stretch like a sixth-grade gym student in ragged gym attire and found out later why this was necessary.

While performing, The Rod flew across the Propagandhi stage like a madman. Todd flew into the bouncers, ran across the stage a dozen times, and even came into the backstage area to scream the lyrics with friends and fans. The audience in attendance was wild again—expected since Propagandhi never tours.

There were so many young kids screaming from the crowd into the band members' faces that you swore the kids practiced politics every day in the same fashion as

Propagandhi.

And maybe the kids do.

I talked a lot of politics the night before and was especially caught off guard by and interested in a few people.

A young man not out of high school yet but going into university next year, told me that he was into every form of radical politics and others debated with me about how to best psychologically manipulate populations.

By mixing militant and anarchist lyrics with a punk-rock sensibility, Propagandhi provides a musical platform from which differing opinions may be formed.

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## Vote municipally

Students are spoiled brats. With all the opportunities and possessions we've been afforded since conception, we're easily one of the most fortunate generations and we don't really care. Opportunities are taken for granted because we've always had them and we fail to recognize the sometimes arduous ordeal it took for us to have those very opportunities.

Take, for instance, the right to vote. If it weren't for the Women's Suffrage movement, women today would be unable to cast their ballot and yet, with the upcoming municipal elections, female students are hardly rushing to the polls.

It's an increasingly difficult task to get students to care about the municipal elections since there's a mentality of, "Well, I'm only here for four years." So why not take the actions necessary to ensure they're the best four years possible? There are many decisions made by the municipal government that affect students like police services and health care resources.

Incumbent Mayor Herb Epp explained that he doesn't focus a lot of effort in targeting students since "they don't vote heavily." Students aren't taking initiative to immerse themselves in municipal politics, so municipal leaders can't be expected to care about them. When federal and provincial elections take place, political party groups on campus advertise and promote their respective parties and encourage everyone to vote. However, no groups were formed to invite the municipal candidates to debate on campus.

Some students claim that they don't care about politics because none of the issues affect them, but they'll "care later." Students need to be exercising their right to vote now, and practice voting responsibly, because it establishes a pattern of behaviour that they'll follow for the rest of their life.

While candidates may not be going out of their way to target students, that's no excuse for undergrads to squirm out of voting. It is a right that previous generations fought for and to see students squander it because they're so spoiled by opportunities is disheartening. On November 13, take the 15 minutes out of your day to vote in the municipal elections, either to show you care about your community or because you want to establish good voting practices, or even just to prove you aren't a spoiled brat after all.

## Memorial welcomed

Emotions of remembrance came early this year as students, university officials and the community gathered to unveil a memorial statue this past Sunday at the Veterans' Green across from WLU.

A parade, speeches and the revealing of a large sculpture depicting the real Canadian soldiers who participated in wars all the way back to 1812 highlighted the ceremony.

Many of those in attendance claimed they felt a strange gust of wind that flapped the ceremonial parade flags as the covering was removed from the statue.

It's no secret that there's something special about the Veterans' Green, and we have an optimistic feeling that students will lend their respect to the green space across from campus.

Since the unveiling on Sunday, the park has been bustling with veterans, seniors, high school stu-

dents from Waterloo Collegiate, stroller-pushing moms and Laurier students who have stopped to admire the new statue.

The vision of Veterans' Green organizers and university officials has come to fruition, and we applaud everyone involved for making this memorial a success.

The Veterans' Green monument should serve as a node that represents the relationship between the university and the community. It should serve as a reminder of the history of our area, but also a place to meet and speak to our veterans, learn from them and respect their sacrifices.

Too often, WLU brags of a community atmosphere without reaching out beyond campus borders. Let this new memorial serve as a bridge of respect to narrow the gap that has existed for far too long.

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Emilie Joslin

## Credit makes it too easy to overspend

With Christmas fast approaching, avoid the temptation to rely on credit and debt to pay for purchases that you only think you need

APRIL ROBINSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This past weekend, my partner and I bought a brand new mattress set from The Brick and it was the easiest purchase I have ever made. All it took was a peek at my driver's licence and social insurance number and I suddenly had a \$4000 credit limit.

By allowing a few bucks of interest to build for the next couple of months, we won't have to pay a cent until February. And by Thursday, I'll have a brand new bed set up in my room, for which I have exchanged zero dollars.

Though I plan on paying off the bed immediately - I only got the credit card to take advantage of free delivery - this was my first major purchase on credit. And the concept is so uncomfortable to me.

But the truth is, our society thrives on credit. Mortgages, lines of credit, credit cards and even OSAP dictate our spending habits more than our paycheques. It seems that we have chosen to live beyond our means.

According to Stats Canada, 47 percent of all households were spending more than their pre-tax income in 2001. And although family incomes have grown, family spending has accelerated at twice the rate of income growth.

For those of us with fair credit history, it is extremely easy to walk into any department store and get a credit card. Cards like Visa, Mastercard and American Express are

also not hard to come by. Banks market the ease with which students can obtain lines of credit to assist with their living expenses - even if they already have OSAP.

But is all this credit really necessary?

After buying our new bed, and seeing how much credit we had, I admittedly began to dream about what a leather couch or cherry wood sleigh bed would look like in our loft.

The Brick almost won me over until I snapped out of it. A few years in liberal arts has made me

Canadians spends billions on Christmas shopping. In December of 2004, Canadians spent \$34.5 billion in retail stores, a 6.9 percent increase from the previous year, working out to \$804 per capita.

self-aware and cautious of false desires enticed by shopping environments. The more you see, the more you want. The more you want, the more you think you need. And so on.

The ready availability of credit doesn't help. But it seems as though a combination of marketing tactics and corporations that make all their money from credit card interest are dictating our purchasing habits.

With the holiday season upon us, it's important to reflect on how we spend our money and the reasoning behind it. Too often we are blindly persuaded by advertising campaigns that increasingly appeal to our subconscious desires.

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Christmas shopping. In December of 2004, Canadians spent \$34.5 billion in retail stores, a 6.9 percent increase from the previous year, working out to \$804 per capita.

As the shopping season kicks off within the next couple of weeks, a barrage of advertising media will come our way and we'll need to choose which messages to filter out and which ones to succumb to.

Perhaps, for these holidays, we might consider buying what we can afford. Set aside your loans, credit cards and ignore your line of credit.

Instead of visiting the mall or department stores where displays are set up to encourage impulse buying and rampant

consumerism, take time to make Christmas shopping lists. Budget and prepare.

Put thought into your gifts and make them personal. They might be hand-made or bought locally.

It's unrealistic to denounce capitalism and have a "Buy Nothing Christmas" - believe me, I've tried it and my family refused. They're too caught up in the enchanting web of tradition, religion and Santa Claus. I probably am too.

But maybe we could show big box stores and interest-hungry credit companies what the holidays really mean to us.

Maybe we can make this Christmas one we can afford.

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> Letters to the Editor

What’s a BA worth? \$7.45 per hour.

David Shore’s article on the rough life led by misunderstood general arts students was absolutely dumbfounding. His insights were surprisingly less about his experiences as an arts student, and more about his random musings on the BBA program. Although I will fight the urge to categorize David as simply another failed “Biz Kid,” he does seem to harbour an alarming amount of resentment towards a program of which he has no part. Sadly, there won’t be enough space to touch on all of David’s points, but let’s start at the beginning.

His first argument, with regards to the goal of the new venture project, is about as cynical a view as one can take on the matter. It’s like saying AIDS researchers are just trying to find a cure or vaccine so that they may “reap as much profit as possible.”

Case in point, the 2004 winners of the new venture project (my first year at WLU) won with a solar-powered automated lawnmower. This was not the idea with the highest profit potential. What it did have was the most complete business plan and most eloquent presentation. This is a far more realistic depiction of the goals of the new venture competition.

David’s next paragraph goes on to explain the evils of our capitalist empire, since a student of the arts cannot help but become aware of how simple and two-dimensional the world really is: capitalism bad, socialism good. The fact is that every single democratic nation in history has been capitalism-based, and if David hates democracy, then this discussion really doesn’t need to go any further.

Moving on anyways, David’s masturbatory writing soon becomes almost unbearable. He has somehow managed to convince himself that an arts education is the only way to understand the issues our world is facing. Perhaps it gives him some strange self-satisfaction to think that business students learn only how to squeeze more money out of life, while he is attaining the real education. Take the blinders off.

By the way, in anticipation of the next time we meet, I’ll have fries with that.

-Mark Sterioff

A Challenge to Discuss Unionization

As the VP External for WLUSA, there were two egregious errors in Staff Writer Steve Niles’ article in the November 1 *Cord*. The first was Steve’s editorial decision to completely omit his interview with me. What’s up with that, Steve? I thought we bonded, man. How am I supposed to be Canada’s next top model if you won’t even include the head shot I gave you? My agent told me there would be days like these.

The second concern I have is actually not with the article itself. It was fair and balanced in its presentation of the issues and the groups involved. I would like to rebut some of the misconceptions I believe some of the students have who were asked if student workers on campus should be unionized. For all the benefits I get from collectively bargaining with the university I absolutely believe my union dues are worth it. Wage increases are set out in our collective agreement, and they are not contingent on whether or not my

manager likes me (although I hope she does). Our benefits and conditions of work are spelled out for all to see, and they can not be changed unilaterally by our employer. Should I have any legal issue whatsoever concerning my terms and conditions of work, WLUSA will pursue the issue for me until it is resolved for free. Can you imagine any lawyer offering that kind of deal?

One student asserted that unionized workers are lazy. WLUSA members are among the hardest working and most selfless people I know. Does that student realize that his own business professors belong to either WLUFA (the Faculty Association), or CAS (Contract Academic Staff)?

Almost all faculty at universities across Canada are unionized, and I challenge any student to call them lazy. I also challenge the students at WLU to discuss this issue, with WLUSA members and amongst yourselves. Any member of the WLUSA executive would be happy to talk over this issue with you. Except me. I’m busy, go ask Keith or something.

-Doug Roberts  
WLU Library

Did union consider student majority?

I would be one of these affected students and I don’t think it’s right that the first I hear of this is in the *Cord*. I have zero interest in being in this union – I’ve had all the experience with unions I need already. It seems like most of the other student employees I’ve spoken to are also not interested in joining this union.

I wonder if the 400 union members have considered what might happen if they force 1000 students into their union who don’t want to be there? The students will control 71 percent of the votes in the union. Maybe they should think about that before proceeding with this.

-Christopher Mallon

Union will take student jobs

As a student employee of the university, I disagree with the proposed unionization of student jobs. As the November 1st article illustrates, unionization will take jobs out of the hands of students. Student jobs on campus provide much-needed income and are a worthwhile experience, giving students valuable skills and experience that transfer into the workforce. With rising post-secondary costs, and increasing competitiveness in the job market, the skills and money student jobs provide go a long way.

In my case, I am hired for the fall and winter term, and my job is re-posted for the following academic year. I enjoy my job, and would like to re-apply and get re-hired next year. Unionization could make this impossible, as the job would be posted internally and anyone with “union seniority” will have first dibs. I would likely be out of a job for the next two years, so a non-student can replace me.

Furthermore, especially in my department, unionization will have yet another negative impact on students. Right now, to sign up an intramural team, the cost is relatively low. If unionization takes place and wages are adjusted, the rates will skyrocket to cover the wages of everyone involved in the intramurals program. Fewer students will have

access to Laurier’s intramural system.

WLUSA is trying to take student jobs away from students and put them into the hands of union members and make the services that students value less accessible. This is representation we don’t need.

Julian DiBattista  
Referee-In-Chief,  
Laurier Intramural Basketball

Nude-free household

I am an alumnus of WLU. In fact I was part of the group who chose the name Wilfred [sic] Laurier for Waterloo Lutheran by filling in a questionnaire in the *Cord*.

Last week my son, a former U of W student, picked up a *Cord* and an *Imprint* at a nearby eatery and brought them home. I was delighted to see the *Cord* on my kitchen table and picked up to read with interest.

Imagine my disgust to find the article on masturbation as the entire back page.

I have no problem with content of the article – but I do not bring material with nude women on the cover into my home to be on my kitchen table for my three sons to see – ever.

The placement of the article is entirely unnecessary other than to sensationalize and increase readership.

The article says absolutely nothing that wasn’t ordinary fare when I was at WLU all those years ago and to sensationalize it and use up half the page with the picture of a naked woman demeans women and has no place at all where it was put.

Why not have a picture of a guy jerking off too? Something that, even according to the article is a private pleasure should not be used to sensationalize. I was, frankly, appalled at the lack of respect for women, sexuality and people in general by students of my alma mater and I’m sure the Lutherans who founded the university would be rolling in their graves.

It is totally inappropriate for this to be on the cover page and all women connected to the university deserve an apology for the papers’ abuse of their personal, intimate business.

-Maribeth Wright ‘73

What does OUSA mean?

Not knowing what the acronym OUSA meant was one of the driving factors when the Vice-Chair of the Brantford Campus Council, Steve Bain, said that he needed a Brantford delegate to attend an upcoming conference in Waterloo.

When I signed up to be a delegate I did not know what was in store for my weekend-long retreat. JD Muir, WLU-SU’s VP: University Affairs had several meetings at both Waterloo and Brantford campuses preparing all the Laurier delegates for the conference.

I learned in those meetings that OUSA stands for the Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance and that OUSA greatly influences the seven schools in its membership (McMaster, Windsor, Queen’s, Waterloo, Brock, Western, and Laurier). Policies were developed, debated, and voted on for the betterment of all students listed in the

above institutions.

I was able to meet new people, hear the concerns of other universities; voice opinions from both Laurier’s campuses and have a great time while doing so. If you, as a Laurier student, have any concerns about how the government is treating your post-secondary education (including training), please bring up your concerns to JD (jmuir@wlu.ca), myself (acook@wlu.ca) or any other OUSA representative, or you can visit the website at [www.ousa.ca](http://www.ousa.ca). Work for the betterment of your post-secondary education, be an educated voice.

-Ashleigh Cook

Finicky about fellatio

I have always considered myself to be quite liberal; I am open to new ideas and am rarely offended by promiscuous and risqué editorial. However, the Campus Kiss article on blow jobs was extremely tacky.

The first thing that entered my mind after reading this article was the hundreds of students and parents that will be picking up this issue of the *Cord* on Laurier Day. Can you imagine the parents, accompanying their daughters on a campus tour, thumbing through our school paper and reading a “how to” article on performing oral sex? I am sure this negatively affected views of Laurier.

In addition, there was no mention made in the article about the use of condoms, or the risks associated with oral sex, including STDs such as herpes and HIV. In fact Ali suggested that “if you are giving oral sex to someone you don’t know well, then be assertive but don’t over exert yourself.” How about, if you don’t know someone well don’t perform oral sex, and if you do make sure a condom is being used. She also suggests that “practice makes perfect.” So not only is giving a stranger a blow job completely acceptable, but do it often so you can perfect your new talent.

This article makes me embarrassed to be a Laurier student. What must our profs think? What must the potential employers, scouting Laurier for mature and bright individuals, think? The *Cord* is supposed to represent the views of the student, not promote promiscuity and unsafe sex. Let’s leave the sex advice to Sue Johanson and print something worth reading.

- Charlene Morris

Have you ever seen a cat die?

It is extremely frustrating to me that a newspaper which I have always held in high regard could be so insensitive and create an ad that portrays a cat with a gun held to its face.

This is not the first ad I have seen in the *Cord* that laughs at cruelty to animals and I am disgusted.

My question to the *Cord*: Have you ever seen a cat die? I have.

I tried to comfort my cat as he screamed in agony and lost all control of his bodily functions, paralyzed by pain after being poisoned.

I saw the fear in his eyes and heard the desperation in his scream as he looked to me to help him.

I saw my mom’s face when she came back from the vet after he was euthanized to end his suffering.

To see cruelty to animals trivialized in such a way by a paper that claims to pride itself on journalistic standards offends me to my core.

Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals officers work every day, giving all of themselves to end the suffering of animals and punish those who commit these atrocities, and you at the *Cord* laugh? You make a joke of a cat being shot in the face?

I get it *Cord*, you’re trying to piss people off. Well, congratulations.

I can tell you, without hesitation, that any future ads depicting animal cruelty will result in the loss of this reader.

-Paige Desmond

Hypocritical Anti-Semite Letter

Joel Fleming’s letter published last week entitled “Be Careful How You Argue” stated that Yusuf Faqiri’s writing style “flirts with an anti-Semitic style of debate.” If it is concern for the health of the debate that has motivated Mr. Fleming to make this claim then he has, in my opinion, fallen victim to hypocrisy. If there is any tactic which unconditionally cheapens a debate, it is unfounded allegations of hate speech like anti-Semitism. Though I will commend Mr. Fleming on his colourful use of language to avoid the libelous act of declaring anti-Semitism, I must condemn his insinuation of this connection.

Mr. Fleming has reason to question Mr. Faqiri’s October 18 column singling out Israel’s non-recognition of the Armenian genocide; at a superficial level it does appear to reveal a personal bias. However, I am certain what Mr. Faqiri was highlighting here is Israel’s unique knowledge of the evils of systematic slaughter, and his consequent astonishment at their position.

The problem here is simply a lack of clarification, not that Mr. Faqiri’s motivations lie in the sphere of religious intolerance.

Mr. Fleming then claims that Mr. Faqiri has held the Israeli government to an impossible standard in his criticism of their invasion of Lebanon. I do not feel as though international humanitarian law is an impossible standard and I would hope others would agree. Amnesty International, among other organizations, has released preliminary reports detailing numerous Israeli violations of international law.

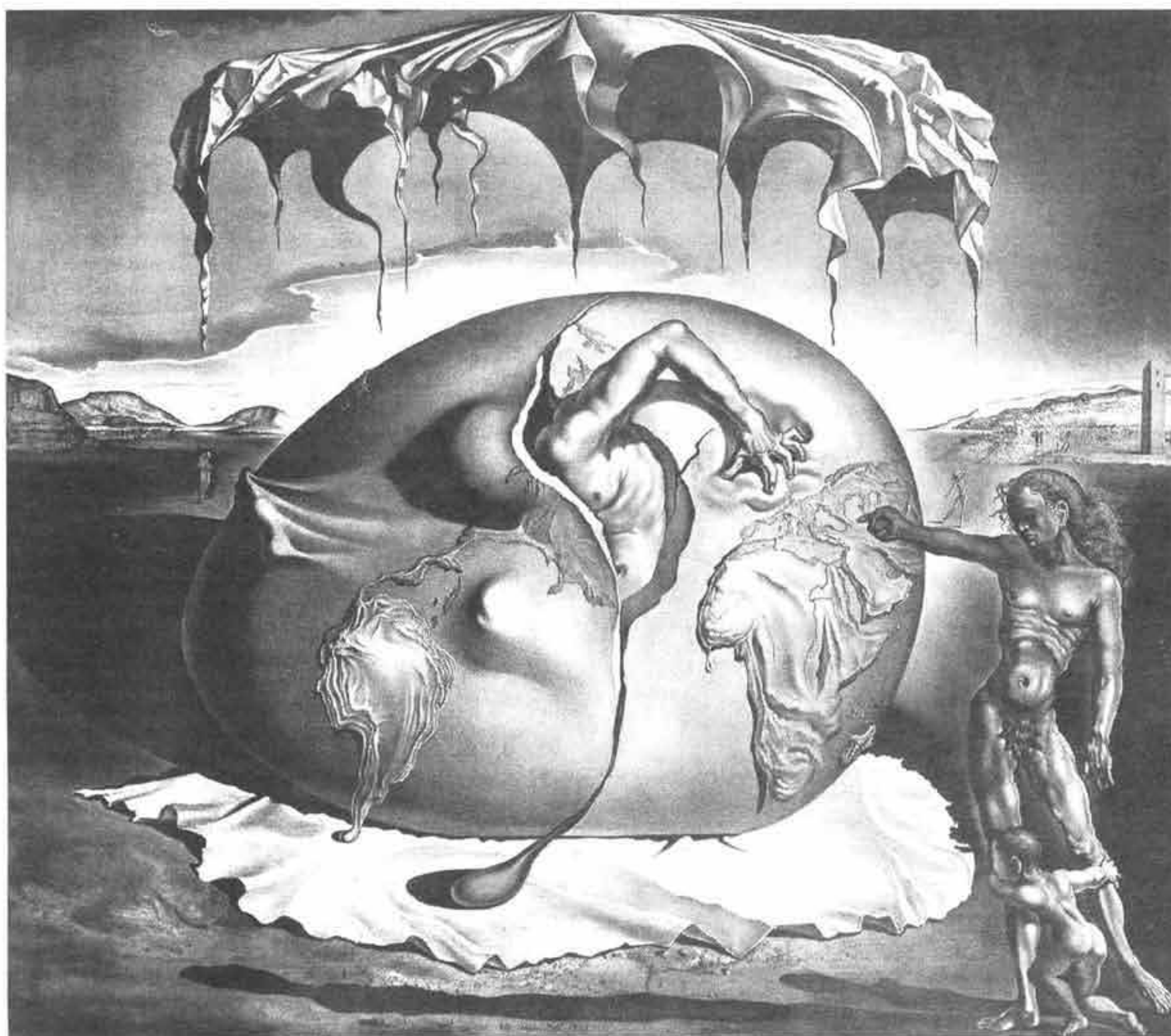
Mr. Fleming alludes to “extraordinary efforts” of the Israeli military to limit civilian casualties. These efforts included denying those civilians their right to flee the targeted neighbourhoods through methodical destruction of all airports, ports, major roads, bridges and a naval blockade.

These efforts might explain why almost ten times more Lebanese children (under the age of 13) were killed than Israeli civilians of any age. Hezbollah is not free from guilt, but it is unconscionable to contend that they were the sole perpetrators of war crimes during this war.

Overall, the fair debate which Mr. Fleming seeks cannot exist in a climate where criticism of the Israeli state equates to an attack on Judaism.

Jesse Freeston





**BIRTH OF A NEW MAN** - This famous Salvador Dalí painting represents man being born from the old world into the new.

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# Apocalypse pending

Previous generations have left society with a plethora of environmental problems and a solution needs to be agreed upon before our civilization is destroyed, or, worse yet, destroys itself



In my initial two months of study here at WLU, I have greatly expanded my already basic understanding of some major global issues and the history that brought them about. However, in doing so, I have stumbled across a very significant and potentially dangerous realization: our generation is living in "the calm before the storm."

With great appreciation, I'd like to thank all those fabulous people living in the generations before me. You have left us with a functioning economy, mass communications, many gizmos and gadgets for our entertainment needs and... oh yeah — a dancing plethora of environmental hazards caused by a series of arrogant consumer countries running this beautiful planet into the ground.

Did I leave anything out? Of course I did.

There are not enough columns in the entirety of this newspaper or in all the ones printed before it to encompass the ever-growing sea of

problems that our generation is going to have to face: lack of fossil fuels; lack of clean, renewable water; global warming; mass production of all our natural resources; and the rich getting richer while the poor

And why shouldn't we be able to fix ourselves and our planet? Human beings have conquered and accomplished things in the past two hundred years that most of humanity could never dream possible.

get poorer — to name a few.

So I ask myself, what can I — a poor Laurier student — do to help? I am only one person with limited knowledge and limited resources; how can I hope to change anything in this world? How can we look to stop this snowball of destruction that's the size of the planet and rolling down a mountainside? If a couple of us noble individuals jump in its path, we'll still be crushed and the ball will keep on rolling: I see only despair.

It is way too easy to fall into this trap. I'm not denying the titanic threat that we face, but no good will

come of focusing on the problem; we can't fall into that cowardly way of thinking. As rational beings, we must focus on the solution.

And why shouldn't we be able to fix ourselves and our planet? Human beings have conquered and accomplished things in the past two hundred years that most of humanity would never have dreamed possible. We can move mountains, rocket our race outside the atmosphere,

send probes to the furthest reaches of our galaxy, and communicate with people — instantly — on the other side of the world. We are remarkable creatures; and, in the history of our race, this generation, our generation, will have to be the most remarkable of them all.

Humanity hangs by a thread and we are the frontline in this battle.

The only way to reverse this flow of destruction is for everyone — that's every human being — to use every thought, every piece of information and every resource available to halt this growing menace. Though without consensus, there

can be no resolution.

But when could our society agree upon anything? There are too many of us, with too many conflicting ideals. There is a "my-way-is-best-no-matter-what," attitude to our society; you're either first or last. It would seem, in this way, we've condemned ourselves to death.

Maybe the way our civilization will crumble is not by a meteorite smashing into the earth, throwing our planet into darkness; not in an ice age that covers green pastures with a kilometre of ice and snow; and not in an epidemic that spreads too fast for the human race to quell. Maybe the way we go out is not with guns a-blazing, but with our inability to disarm, to accept submission to a good, just idea and in our inability to accept humility and to embrace the bare necessities of life — to get on without our Dasani-coated throats and driving our gas-guzzling SUVs.

Maybe it's our unwillingness to submit to something better than our own needs and wants that will be the end of us all; because, right now, unless we can unite under one just cause, that seems to be where we are heading.

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Many helped with Mozart

In the article "Students experience Mozart," I was credited with being the sole organizer and facilitator of Accessing the Arts; however, the event would not have been possible without the efforts of Dr. Stephen Preece, the Laurier Special Initiatives Fund, and the KW Opera. Dr. Preece provided the guidance that was necessary to carry out the event and acted as a liaison with The KW Opera, which graciously provided discounted tickets at the orchestra level. As well, many thanks go to the Special Initiatives Fund, which ensured that the tickets were available at an affordable price to all those who attended. If students are interested in more information about Accessing the Arts at Laurier, or would like to volunteer to help promote future events, I would encourage them to send an email to wluarts@gmail.com.

-Jason Shim

Veteran Pride

Seeing the new monument at Veterans' Green has given me a better appreciation for our veterans. As the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month approaches, Canadians across the nation reflect on the men and women who served our country during wartime. Many actually ventured into combat before their twenty-first birthday; some didn't even get to live that long. Their plans for the future were as bright as anyone's today, but many gave them up, leaving their university classes and jobs so they could go and fight for our great country and defend what we enjoy today. It's easy to take for granted our current way of life as well as our rights and freedoms.

So please, wear a poppy and pause for a moment of remembrance. Whether they fought in the Great War or in the War on Terrorism, we should remember all the Canadians who served our country and those who gave their lives. In remembering their service and their sacrifice, we recognize the freedom they fought to preserve.

-Paul Laanemets

Not all inventions American

I took heart from Mr. Niles' article on Americans. I, like most Americans, know and revere the idea that is America.

However, Mr. Niles' suggestion that "American innovation has given us nearly all the technologies we enjoy in our homes" is I believe misleading.

The telephone was invented in this country, in Brantford, the town that is host to WLU's satellite campus. The television was invented by John Logie Baird, not an American. The refrigerator by James Harrison, not an American.

-Robert Laurie

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# Simplifying the leadership race

As the elections for the new leader of the Liberal party draw nearer, Kathryn Flynn takes a look at the four men leading the race



KATHRYN FLYNN  
GOOD GIRL REVOLUTION

The Liberal leadership campaign has only a few weeks ahead of it now, with the leadership convention on December 2 following the biennial party convention. The end is signalled by more colourful, vitriolic and assertive language. There is discussion of who will be the eventual prime minister, which demonstrates the usual Liberal confidence from would-be leaders of the "natural governing party."

The party has seen this leadership race as a time for renewal, trying to rebrand as a party the electorate can place their faith in again. There have been no worship-worthy leaders bounding from the ranks, however, and dreams of the next Pierre Trudeau are stayed (perhaps until

Justin Trudeau matures, but that's another column).

The field has fallen to four real contenders with no first-ballot heavyweights. Bob Rae placed second in the Super Weekend to Michael Ignatieff, hailed as the frontrunner, followed by Gerard Kennedy and Stephane Dion. Speculations that Rae's dismal turn as Ontario premier would cost too many votes may not be true; a CBC poll demonstrated that he was the likeliest to hold his own against Stephen Harper in the next election. It seems he would have more support behind him if Liberal MPs thought he could win. Like Liberal platform promises, it's a very whatever-it-takes approach.

Stephane Dion is the man every prime minister ought to have next to him, which accounts for Paul Martin's surreptitious reinstitution of him into cabinet after he tossed Chretien's. He has the intelligence and ability to write the best policy

this country could ask for, but lacks the clout any leader needs.

As provincial education minister, Gerard Kennedy had a strong rapport with teachers and has a devoted following. He has championed food bank initiatives in Toronto and has the least political critique dogging his bid. Despite a golden track record, youth association support and fifteen hours a week of French

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lessons, a unilingual Liberal leader will not do and he's going to have to accept being a possible king-maker with a prime post in future cabinets.

Left is the most intriguing of the candidates, dogged by foot-firmly-

in-mouth syndrome, Ignatieff. To be governed by an academic would be fascinating, but his speculative habits get him into trouble even as they acknowledge the deliberative nature of governing. His political career's youth shows itself in Ignatieff's inability to conquer sound bytes. The radio interview that landed him in hot water for calling Israel's July 30 air-strike in Lebanon a "war-crime"

proved that Ignatieff needs to learn that the general public won't bother to investigate context.

The last leadership debate began

with a criticism of just that, with Rae accusing his former roommate, Ignatieff, of poor word choice. The sparks made excellent media, but drowned out more important issues at hand such as the role of women in parliament, foreign policy and

the hot button issue of the environment. Buzz topics aside, the candidates wasted time to differentiate their leadership bids by harping on Harper. Nothing unites a group like a common enemy, but lengthy criticisms of the governing party ought to be saved for election season.

The most troubling of this race's issues is the nationhood of Quebec. One wonders what prompted Ignatieff to say to himself that this is a topic necessitating pursuit. Gaining Liberal support back in Quebec may not be done handily; it would have been part and parcel with the wooing required of other departed votes. Canadians did not vote Stephen Harper in, they voted the Liberals out—it's what we do here. We'll do it again if the eventual Liberal leader can put the appropriate locks on their political baggage and get back to every Liberals' prime agenda item: power.

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# Summer's over so dress accordingly

As the leaves change colours and fall to the ground, it's officially time to give up the t-shirts, shorts, and all things summer



CHRISTINE SUIZA  
GREEK PHILOSOPHER

It's nightfall and the temperature drops from a high of 11°C down to a low of 4°C. You and your friend are all bundled up. Your friend's wearing layers of clothing—a thick sweatshirt and a vest. However, you are not taking any chances. You decide to bust out your winter coat and mittens. As you're both walking home from dinner at a nearby restaurant, you hear someone say "Excuse me."

You turn around only to find that the person cutting in front of you is wearing a pair of shorts, a light sweatshirt and socks that are paired with sandals. You and your friend stop silently and your mouths drop as you let this person pass through. You're both stunned and silent—and not because pairing socks and sandals is one of the biggest fashion faux pas. You both can't stand it anymore so you break the silence and yell: "Dude, summer's over, let it go!"

This is true since winter is just around the corner, and it amazes me that you will have these die-hard fans still refusing to believe that summer is really over. The first day of fall was September 23, which was over a month ago. Also, take a good look at the colour of the leaves. What colour are they? Definitely not green, the colour of grass.

You see red, orange, yellow and brown leaves—most of which have already fallen from the trees. But come on now; the drop in tem-

perature, change of colour of the leaves and the bareness of the trees are all signs that fall has finally arrived and a winter wonderland is just around the corner.

If this is not enough proof for you then let me ask you this: when was the last time you saw the sun? I bet you if you count the amount of rainy or cloudy days, they outnumber the sunny days within the month. Also take into account that there have been days that we've seen snow fall to the ground. Were you one of those people who joined the Facebook group "I cried when it snowed on October 12"? If so, all the more reason to let go of summer, my friends, because it looks like winter is well on its way.

Still don't believe me? Okay, tell me, have you seen any birds sitting on a tree lately? If you have to think about this for more than 30 seconds, what does that tell you? Chances are you haven't really seen any.

If you have, you probably saw a flock of them flying in a V-formation all migrating down south to soak up some sun from the Sunshine State of Florida. I know I'm kind of jealous that the birds are going to a warm place. But the reality is that we live here in Canada where all four seasons exist—spring, summer, fall and, of course, winter.

If the weather changes and colourful leaves falling from trees isn't enough proof for you, take a good look at the window displays of the stores in the malls.

What do you see? You will see turtlenecks or sweatshirts coordinated with pants and winter coats over top of them, and a scarf to accent the model styles on the mannequins. Even if you go into gift



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**LET GO** - Summer is officially over when the leaves start falling, so give up the flip flops.

or card stores such as Hallmark or Carlton Cards, you will see them displaying Christmas ornaments and other Christmas decorations as they prepare for this winter season. Since we are into the early days of November, the malls will soon start playing their Christmas music. To officially ring in the season holidays, many you will find yourself singing, "Tis' the season to be jolly, fa-la-la-la-la-la-la."

Perhaps the dead giveaway that summer is officially over is the fact

that daylight savings was two weeks ago. This is usually a plus since we gained an extra hour but it's an indication that winter is fast approaching. The days are now shorter and the nights are longer. To the diehard fans of summer, it's understandable that your allegiance will forever be to summer season. Unfortunately, it's time to bid summer farewell and try to enjoy the winter wonderland that is expected to arrive in a couple weeks.

There will be more summer

seasons to come, but try making the best of this upcoming winter season. Before you know it, summer will be just around the corner again and you will be able to flaunt all of your summer gear and enjoy some fun in the sun. Besides, who knows, by the time summer comes, you might find yourself protesting for winter never to leave.

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# Tap water is likely better than bottled

Bottled water's appeal is little more than clever marketing and could actually be eliminating important minerals in its filtering process



JEREMY TREMBLAY  
ON THE VERGE

Over the past decade, the bottled water industry has exploded in Canada. In fact, over 1.9 billion litres of water were bottled in Canada last year. The industry rushed to fill consumers' desire for water, up 17 percent from the year before.

Consumers are happy to pay a premium for water that is cleaner, safer and better-tasting than what pours from the tap. Or, at least, for water that makes those claims.

Bottled water is more expensive, is subject to less regulation, and in many cases, tastes inferior to tap water. It's time consumers say no to the marketing schemes and turn away from the bottle.

In 1999, an American study concluded that bottled water was between 240 and 10,000 times more expensive than tap water. On campus, a 591 millilitre bottle of Dasani costs \$1.50. That works out to \$2.54 per litre, nearly three times the price of a litre of gas.

A bottle of Dasani is considerably cheaper to produce than a litre of gas. It isn't pumped from below ground halfway around the world and shipped here; Dasani is bottled in Brampton (and Calgary), where municipal tap water is taken, processed through reverse osmosis and then re-mineralized.

Petrochemical, mining and logging industries all pay royalties for extracting resources. Unlike these other resource industries, bottled water companies pay nothing for the water they take. Those that use municipal water pay the regular rate, while those bottling from natural sources may pay nothing at all.

The bottled water industry is not as safe as consumers are led to believe. A recent study released by the Sierra Legal Defense Fund concluded that tap water in some Canadian cities may be not just as good as, but better, than bottled water. Randy Christensen, author of "Waterproof 2: Canada's Drinking Water Report Card", told CTV: "We found that Health Canada is effectively letting the industry regulate itself."

Another concern Christensen's study brings up is that of packaging. Most water bottles are made of a thin plastic containing a chemical known as bisphenol A. Scientists say that this chemical can transfer into the water, particularly if the bottled water is exposed to heat and/or light.

In Canada's municipalities, water must be tested rigorously for specified contaminants, and all test results must be made public. Under

Ontario legislation, 78 chemical contaminants must be tested for.

However, many cities place stronger regulations on their water testing. In Toronto, over 300 chemical contaminants are tested for in approximately 70,000 bacteriological tests a year.

Most municipal water has some mineral content, helping to contribute to dietary needs. Brad Wallace, an Alberta water bottler, has pointed out that many bottled waters have had most of their mineral content removed, reducing the mineral intake of those who consume bottled water exclusively.

The marketing behind bottled water has caused Canadian consumption to more than double in the past five years. Consumers have been convinced that they're buying something they're not.

The bottled water industry takes water and sells it to consumers as water, but at a much higher price. It's up to consumers to let these companies know that they won't pay for what's already theirs.

Turn the tap rather than twist a cap.

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Sydney Helland

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